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BEULAH POYNTER.

The Matinee Girl



IT would make Methuselah young again to see Girls. If it were one of the universal panaceas sold in bottles with learned labels we would gladly give it the testimonial, "It makes the old young and the young younger."

A Smith College senior wrote me: "I'm perfectly crazy about it, and papa (papa is forty years older than the senior, though not that much wiser) paid it the highest praise I have ever heard him bestow upon anything in all his unemotional life. He actually smiled and said, 'I enjoyed it immensely. That is a great deal for him.'

There's a merry tone about it, like the strain of a light-hearted song. There's a magic in it that ironed out frowns by an instantaneous process. When he wrote it Clyde Fitch did the public a service.

We welcome in its cast two old friends, Zelda Sears, who has written her name high in eccentric comedy's hall of fame, and Charles Cherry, who is as good looking as we can reasonably or unreasonably expect any man to be, who plays with a deft touch, whose love making no one ever laughed at, and than whom there is no more interesting leading man in light comedy. Amy Ricard, who must be tired of being called an intelligent actress, adds to the gaiety, and Ruth Maycliffe deserves all the applause she got.

Girls is a play to put one back in tune with a strenuous but waggish old world. It brims with the tonic of laughter.

Florence Roberts is an actress who thinks. For which reason her conclusions about dramatic art are worth pondering, if not adopting.

"A man crying in the audience is the highest tribute ever paid to an actress," she says. She is also a woman who laughs even though it be through her tears. This in *Requiescat* is peace to her late play: "The Struggle Everlasting is a beautiful drama. Yet it lasted only three weeks in New York. I was so broken-hearted about it that on the last night I forgot my lines. In the last act I am supposed to be in a kind of trance and I say, 'I go, I go, I go,' as I rush off the stage. Well, I said it all right and added 'to Butte, Montana,' which happened to be the truth."

That high, narrow English basement house of brown stone, No. 22 East Forty-first Street, before which matinee girls used to linger until they became nuisances, has undergone a transformation, having fallen behind the march of art into the dull ranks of business.

For five years this was Maude Adams' town house. Companionable as its exterior, within was the stamp of Miss Adams' charming, diaphanous personality.

There was the odd, cell-like bed chamber, the model for which she found that memorable Summer she spent with the nuns in the Convent of the Sacred Heart at Tours, in France. There was the Sedan chair she used for a telephone booth, and there the long table where diners sat along one side so that all might enjoy the play of the firelight in the grate opposite. There was the conservatory at the rear of the house, opening from Miss Adams' nun-like bed chamber, so that the star might enjoy a glimpse of the green growing things while her maid dressed her, or might take a turn among the plants before she rang for assistance. There was the library of fine old books garnered from the book shops of all hundred cities in this country and Europe.

But Miss Adams has tired of her house toy, or has found the cares of housekeeping too arduous. For the narrow brownstone front house and its twin companion on East Forty-first Street will be leased for business purposes, and those windows through which matinee girls got delighted glimpses of the one moment piquant, the next pensive, features of Lady Babbie or Peter Pan, will be relegated to the prosaic purposes of shop windows.

Joe Howard, author of several plays, composer of more musical comedies, and entire fashioner of *The Flower of the Ranch*, in which he shares luminous honors with Mabel Barrison, she who sang:

"Put down six and carry two,
Gee! this sun is hard to do,
in Babes in Toyland, is an apostle of optimism."

Mr. Howard says he fears no hoodoo that ever flapped its wings above a man's shoulders. For he survived the worst hoodoo that ever winged its way out of Doleful Land, a worse hoodoo than even the Berkeley Lycum. Mr. Howard had invented a series of automatic pictures to illustrate a song. He expected that a fortune of true Rockefeller magnitude would spring full born out of that picture machine. He determined to adopt a family coat of arms, using a picture of the machine for a crest. He had even drafted a letter head with the machine rampant upon it for the day after next day's announcement of Joe Howard's phenomenal success, when, on the day of the opening, the machine burned.

Did Joe sit with head in hands? Did he declare there was no use trying, that Fate—that dread bogie of little minds—was against him? The dramatic history of St. Louis

where this event happened tells us that he went fishing for a day or two by way of customing himself to the shock, and of securing some hours of reflection. The results of that reflection were *The Time, the Place, and the Girl*, which our brethren of Chicago so loved, and which made Joe Howard such a power at his bank that the president says "Good morning" to him, and *The Girl* Question.

"Happy Joe" they call him when not using his alternative "Lucky Joe." Busy Joe he calls himself, and his recipe for perfect poise is "Get and stay busy if you want to keep strange animals out of your attic."

The man who makes a presentation speech to a popular actress in public these latter days is a brave man. The actress's manner of accepting the gift is dangerous, albeit alluring.

Percy Williams hasn't yet recovered from the stage fright induced by Marie Lloyd's reception of the loving cup he innocently bestowed upon her on the stage of his theatre. Miss Lloyd advanced upon him, without granting him a moment's preparation, raised her arms after the manner of a bird about to soar in air, and said with a cool glance at the box where his wife sat: "I'm going to kiss you, yes, even though Mrs. Williams is watching us."

And to the bowing delight of the audience and the immense discomfort of Mr. Williams, who was one large, animated blush, Miss Lloyd proved that she is a woman of her word.

Witness the fate of that hardy actor, Harold Cahill. At a benefit performance in the West Mary Shaw and Mr. Cahill appeared in an act she once used in vaudeville, *The Silent System*. As the playlet develops it is necessary for Mr. Cahill to hand Miss Shaw a "prop" gift. This day of their appearance in vaudeville happened to be Miss Shaw's birthday anniversary and it occurred to Mr. Cahill to present her during the play a gold bracelet with his congratulations. As he handed her the real gift, instead of the property one, Miss Shaw was silent for a moment. The audience interestedly studying the methods of the admirable actress wondered what was the significance of this unusual pause. It wondered still more when she drew the actor's head down to a level with her own and determinedly kissed him. It applauded, while it did not understand the interpolation.

In these, for them, prosperous days, the *The Witching Hour* company is having a happy family kind of time. The star, John Mason, and Russ Whittall, who plays the role of the sentimental judge, have set up their household gods together in bachelor quarters. Jennie Eustace, who listens to the pretty song of the old judge's love for her mother in the play, when he apostrophizes mignonette, sent him on his birthday for a souvenir a big cut glass bottle of toilet water scented with mignonette.

Handsome Amelia Summerville's handsome eighteen year old son, Russell, having observed the tendency of callow youth to worship at the shrine of midsummer beauty, remarked anxiously to his mother at their table at Ector's one night:

"Mamma, please don't mind if I call you 'Mother' real loud. I don't want people to think I'm one of those veiny chaps that likes older ladies, you know."

THE MATINEE GIRL.

Colonel W. F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) was not seriously ill in Chicago, as had been reported.

Major Burke, of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show, received news to the contrary from Colonel Cody himself in a telegram. He said: "Only suffering from slight cold. Took a day's rest. Shall be in New York on April 5, bringing two cars of horses." Colonel Cody is sixty-three years old.

Colonel Cody is a native of Iowa. He was born in 1845, in Scott County of that State. From the time that he was ten years old his life has been full of adventure—more like romance than reality. The thrilling incidents in his career have filled volumes, and "Buffalo Bill" has been the hero of many a story of absorbing interest.

It was Colonel Johnson, the sensational story writer, who, in 1872, "discovered" "Buffalo Bill," and soon after started him on his career as a show man. Buntline wrote a thrilling story of Cody's exploits. It created a genuine sensation. "Buffalo Bill" literature at once became the fad. Buntline, who was a shrewd man, appreciating the great interest that had been created by his story, at once had it dramatized and brought out in New York a drama under the title of *Buffalo Bill, the King of Border Men*.

Cody, upon invitation came to New York and saw the play. A generous offer was made to him to appear in the leading role, but he refused, and went West, where he was elected to the Nebraska Legislature. He resigned this office, however, to accept a contract with Buntline, and a few weeks later blossomed forth as the star in *The Scouts of the Plains*. Other theatrical ventures were made, and then the Colonel created *The Wild West*.

NEW TRIAL DENIED SIRE.

In the Supreme Court on April 1 a motion for a new trial of the suit over the lease of the Casino Theatre, brought by the Shuberts against Henry B. Sire and decided in favor of the Shuberts last October, was denied. The original decision, made in favor of Joseph W. Jacobs, general manager of the Shubert enterprises, gave the complainant a verdict of \$25,000. The Shuberts complained that Mr. Sire had accepted \$20,000 for a year's lease of the Casino at a time when he did not have control of the property. Mr. Sire asked for a new trial, which resulted in another decision for the Shuberts.

THE YANKEE PRINCE PRODUCED.

George M. Cohan's new play, *The Yankee Prince*, opened at Parsons' Theatre, Hartford, Conn., on April 2. The cast includes Mr. Cohan, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cohan, and Josephine Cohan. The play was favorably received. It will come to the Knickerbocker Theatre on April 20 for an indefinite run.

NIXON ACQUIRES NEW JERSEY HOUSES.

Samuel F. Nixon has acquired the Savoy and Apollo theatres in Atlantic City. The latter is a new house and will be known as Nixon's Apollo Theatre. Julia Marlowe will be the opening attraction, on April 16.

H. GRANVILLE BARKER TALKS.

THE YOUNG ENGLISH AUTHOR-MANAGER DISCUSSES MATTERS OF THEATRICAL INTEREST.

Some of His Ideas About The New Theatre on Central Park West—It Will Be Too Large for Comedy and Intimate Drama—What Makes Good Acting and the Ideal Theatre—The Play Censor in England—Plans for the Future.

"No, we have not ended our partnership, but we have agreed that life (my life, anyhow) is too short to spend exclusively in producing plays the year around. We may continue to produce a few plays, but I must devote myself to other work as well. I may spend part of my time in New York at things I want to do, or I may spend it in London. Our season at the Savoy has been fair. We have neither made a fortune or gone into bankruptcy. The season in all of the London theatres has been worse than usual, however, due to your financial troubles. We feel such conditions in London almost as soon and with as much force as you do here."

Then the interviewer asked a foolish question that ended the interview: "Has the 'Shaw vogue' ended in London?"

No," answered Mr. Barker. "The 'Shaw vogue' came about in this way. For more than ten years Shaw wrote plays and did not have them produced because managers could not see any money in them. Then Arnold Day in America and Vedrenne and I in London took them up and proved that there was money in Shaw. Well, by that time there was a 'pocket' of Shaw plays, which we proceeded to work out, and eventually succeeded in doing. That left Shaw with nothing but his ability to go upon. Now, he can write one play in a year, or, say, eighteen months, and we have to wait for him to finish it before it can be produced. No, the 'Shaw vogue' hasn't died in London."

And then Mr. Barker had to hurry to keep an appointment. He is a fine, earnest young man, and if he decides to do part of his work in New York hereafter he can be sure of a hearty welcome.

In view of Mr. Barker's expressed opinions about the New Theatre it is evident that he would not care to undertake here the direction of such a repertoire as he thinks the ideal theatre should have.

SEULAH POYNTER.

Buelah Poynter, the young actress and playwright, whose picture occupies the first page of this week's *Mirrored*, is now completing her third important play. Lena Rivera, her first work, has been played successfully for two seasons, and Mollie Egan, her second work, is to be sent out this Spring. Her new play is called *June*, and is an original drama. Miss Poynter is a native of Missouri and went on the stage when a child. She met with much success in the stock company at the Broadway Theatre, Denver, where she played for two seasons. She is a versatile actress and capable of playing the most difficult emotional roles as well as the lighter ingenue parts. She has an ambition to appear in these characters and has already played *Nora* in *A Doll's House* with success. She is a close student of books as well as of people, and even while on tour she carries a working library.

JANE CORCORAN CLOSES A LONG TOUR.

Jane Corcoran, who has been starring the past four years under Arthur C. Alston's direction, closed her season of thirty weeks' duration on March 28. Her acting has been confined almost entirely to *A Doll's House*, occasional performances having been given of *Hedda Gabler*. The season has been by far the most successful artistically and financially of any she has enjoyed to date, which is certainly a compliment to Miss Corcoran as a drawing attraction, considering the fact that *Wiseacres* shook their heads when an *Ibsen* tour was planned, and this has been without question the worst theatrical season, generally speaking, in years. Miss Corcoran is now in New York for a few weeks' rest, after which she will be seen at the head of a company in a large city for a stock engagement of about eight weeks.

MORE MERRY WIDOW INJUNCTIONS.

Henry W. Savage has obtained an injunction from Judge LaCombe, of the United States Circuit Court, restraining the Kalem Company from manufacturing and selling films representing *The Merry Widow*, and restraining Miles Brothers, Inc., and all other concerns in the film trust from using and exhibiting such films.

HARRIS BUYS THE HUDSON.

Henry B. Harris has completed the purchase of the Hudson Theatre from George G. Heye. The price paid was about \$700,000. The house was built in 1903 and has been occupied by Mr. Harris since its opening.

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The Rev. J. B. Rogers, in a sermon on the subject, "The Case Against the Theatre," delivered at his church in Quincy, Ill., recently, declared that the theatre is immoral; that it caters to the baser instincts, and causes degeneracy. Erwin Connally, who was appearing in *Quincy in Sweethearts* at the time, in a masterful reply, published in the *Quincy Herald*, declared that the stage is a greater educational institution than the church, and that it is the ambition of every actor's life to produce a great moral standard play. Mr. Connally further declared that a Christian church and a Christian stage is the dream of every thinking man and of every honest actor.

Henry W. Savage has decided to put a stop to the use of unauthorized productions, of any scene or song, or part of either, from *The Merry Widow*. All managers have been notified to cease using any portion of *The Merry Widow* music in their performances.

Marie Doro has written a new song for Hattie Williams, to be used in Miss Williams' new play. Mabelle Moyles, the Dixie Girl in the Paris production of *The Prince of Pilsen*, returned to New York on March 31.

The Bolsoy Kiraly extravaganza of *Pocahontas*, that was produced at the Jamestown Exposition last Summer, is to be presented in New York in May, probably at the Lyric Theatre. It will be put on for two weeks in Philadelphia, beginning on April 20.

Going Some, the farce by Paul Armstrong and Tex Beach, will close on April 11, at Washington. The piece will be revised by the authors.

Helene Carral has succeeded May Hosmer as Sapho in *Rowland and Clifford's production of play that play*.

Guy Bates Post has been engaged to play the leading role in the Chicago production of *Paid in Full*.

Miss Hook of Holland will end her engagement at the Criterion Theatre on April 11.

J. C. Williamson has bought outright, through Sanger and Jordan, the Australian rights to Clyde Fitch's play, *The Truth*.

The Association of Theatre Managers will give a benefit for the Firemen's Memorial Fund at the Metropolitan Opera House on May 1.

Eugene Ormond has been engaged to support Henry E. Dixey in *Papa Lebowski*.

Gertrude Quinn and Frances Ring left last Wednesday for London to join *The College Widow* company. Other members of the company sailed the week before.

The Intruder, a new American play by Thomas Buchanan, will be produced at the Tremont Theatre, Boston, on April 9, by members of *The Man of the Hour* company.

The old jail at Plymouth, Mass., is to be turned into a theatre. At present the town has no hall for amusements except the churches and the armory. The jail is very old and is said to be useless for prison purposes.

Arthur Byron has been selected to play the role opposite William Gillette in the American production of Bernstein's *Samson*.

LEE SHUBERT HONORED.

AS SPECIAL GUEST AT A GREAT GATHERING OF THE FRIARS AND THEIR FRIENDS.

A Merry and Brassy Company Assembles at the Hotel Astor and Consumes a Night in Characteristic Manner—Speeches by Mr. Shubert, Augustus Thomas, Arthur Brisbane, Otis Skinner, Harrison Grey Fiske, Walter Eaton, Frank Keenan, Frederick Warde, J. K. Hatchett, and Others—An Account of the Proceedings.



Photo Metene, Chicago.

LEE SHUBERT.

The Friars dined last Thursday night. Most of them dine regularly, but once a month the entire organization, selecting a special guest and others strange to the order to join them, dine gregariously at a hotel.

Last week's victim was Lee Shubert, designated officially as "guest of honor." About 400 Friars and ordinary guests were present when dinner was served, at 11 o'clock, and fully as many left the Hotel Astor at about half-past five Friday morning.

Friar Abbot Wells Hawks was toastmaster and Friar Governor Aage Tozen Worm was agent for the star of the evening.

Occupying prominent seats and on the programme for monologues were Otis Skinner, Frank Keenan, Harrison Grey Fiske, Augustus Thomas, Fred Ward, Arthur Brisbane, Walter Eaton, and James K. Hackett. Floral offerings from Friars in Boston, Chicago and Philadelphia were prominently displayed.

Marcelline and Holland, from the Hippodrome appeared, the former on a pony, and with a dog made up in semblance of a baby elephant, with trunk and other pachydermatous properties, paraded merrily about the tables.

The Wom Tons to Announce Purpose.

After the Friar Abbot had bid the gathering welcome he called upon Friar Governor A. Tozen Worm to act as the agent of the star of the evening. Mr. Worm's speech started out with humorous references to the struggles of Mr. Shubert's early days in Syracuse, his arrival in New York, and the formation of the firm of Sam S. and Lee Shubert. An enormous date book was suspended over Mr. Shubert's head, and the speaker in referring to the successes which Mr. Shubert had to his credit, tore off the leaves of the book. The leaves instead of bearing the names of the Shubert successes bore the names of the Shubert failures, with the following comments:

No. 1. *Taps*.—Let us make an honorable retreat.

No. 2. *A Society Politician*.—Oh woe is me to have seen what I have seen.

No. 3. *Grierson's Way*.—The play I remember pleased not the million.

No. 4. *The Lancers*.—A beggarly account of empty heroes.

No. 5. *The White Hen*.—Lay on, MacDuff.

No. 6. *My Lady's Maid*.—Farewell! Thou wert too dear for my possession.

No. 7. *A Village Lawyer*.—Meagre were his looks.

Sharp indeed he would him to have.

No. 8. *Anna Karina*.—The world (or any other paper) is not my friend.

No. 9. *The Shubertine*.—If you have tears, prepare to shed them now.

No. 10. *The Girls of Holland*.—What's in a name?

No. 11. *The Auto Race*.—These things are beyond all use, and I do fear them.

No. 12. *Arnold Daly*.—This was the most unkindest cut of all.

No. 13. *Society and the Bull Dog* (by permission of Paul Armstrong).—Was ever book containing such vile matter so fairly bound?

No. 14. *The Light Eternal*.—But for my own part, it was Greek to me.

Mr. Worm then used Mr. Shubert and his youth as the subject matter for the rest of his speech, showing that in no other country in the world except the United States could a man at the age of thirty own and control over twenty theatres and over twenty attractions, so that in honoring Mr. Shubert the Friars were really honoring the United States. The speaker wound up his remarks by saying:

But with a name like yours—Lee Shubert—the first part of which recalls the martial glory of the great Confederate general and the stirring strains of "Dixie," and "Maryland, My Maryland," and the last part of which recalls the life of another young man, the composer Schubert, who wrote eight operas in a year, before he was thirty years old, Providence having been with you in your own nomenclature two examples which forever should enable you to carry your flag high, to fight with open visor and to blend harmony and sweetness into a life of strife and strenuousness.

Mr. Shubert Responds Happily.

Mr. Shubert then addressed the Friars as follows:

Friar Abbot, Friars and your guests: It is the habit, I believe, of men who are not accustomed to speaking to begin their remarks with an apology. I have none. I can simply say that you have overpowered me with the friendliness and cordiality of this dinner. To you as Friars, it is one of your regular dinners. To me as an event. You have done for me more than I ever dared to aspire. I had some few words of appreciation, but your reception has turned that to the winds, for words can find no expression for the deep feelings you have given me. It is a great opportunity for a manager to talk to the body of press representatives and agents. He usually talks to one at a time by wire if he can locate them. But to-night I want you to know that I have watched with great interest the growth and successful conduct of the Friars. You have a wonderful organization. It has youth, vigor, dignity. You have been successful because you built upon sentiment—good fellowship and mutual helpfulness. You have fought the battles of honest conviction, but you have won over Friars and friends. You have accomplished great things. You have brought men closer together, for I have seen no politics or partisanship in your order. The press agent is invaluable to the manager. No matter what

the manager does, he must have the brain and energy of the press man to tell the public what he has done. I have never found more interesting, honest, conscientious and loyal men in the theatre than the press agents, and to-night I am glad to say that the Friar press agent stands the country over for these qualities. I am proud to state that nearly every man associated with me is a Friar. I am honored more than I can tell you by this wonderful reception and this tribute you have given me. It is a proud moment for me. I thank you. I am proud of the Friars and I trust you may some day make me one. Thank you again.

Mr. Shubert was enthusiastically greeted on rising to address the company, and vociferously applauded at the close of his remarks.

Adler Brisbane's Idea of the Theater's Function.

Arthur Brisbane was an interesting figure as he rose in his turn to speak. It has been noted that the recent editorial policy of the *Journal* has been followed in the matter of dramatic criticism since it was announced, and naturally he spoke along the lines that policy pursues. He held that criticism, unless constructive, is useless and injurious. A newspaper, he held, has no right to send a man to see a play in the presentation of which the best efforts of the author, the manager and the actor are put forth, only to have those efforts ridiculed and reduced to little. It would be as pertinent and as legitimate to send a reporter to the department store and permit him to announce to the public that the \$1.98 gown, marked down from \$5.50, is not worth 30 cents. There are breakfast foods, said Mr. Brisbane, worse than bad actors; yet the newspapers do not assume it to be a duty to speak slightly of the foods. If newspapers cannot help build up the theatre by kindly suggestion and recognition of effort worthy of consideration, what is called criticism should be abolished. Americans are hard workers, and in their moments of leisure they are wearied; and to furnish them with restful amusement is one of the highest functions in the national life. Darwin read fairy stories to ease his tired brain, and the theatre bears the same relation to many Americans. He thought that one of the duties of the Friars as press agents was to impress upon editors the country over the importance of the theatre and the necessity for treating it as an institution worthy of every encouragement. As to press agents, he thought the good ones received too little for their services, for a man who can stimulate an interest in a play that will lead to its greater patronage is a very valuable factor in the system of the theatre.

Otis Skinner in a graceful speech told of his early experiences as a star in playing the theatres of the guest of the evening. He paid tribute to the Shuberts, and attributed Lee Shubert's success largely to his "fighting blood."

Walter Eaton, dramatic critic of the *Sun*, dwelt amusingly on his experiences along "The Alley" when a theatrical reporter for the *Tribune*. He referred to the courtesy and consideration he had always received in those days at the Shubert headquarters—a courtesy that had seen no change during his experience as a critic. No matter what he might say in the course of his work as a critic as to a Shubert offering, his greetings by Mr. Shubert on Tuesday mornings were as hearty and friendly as before. Suggestively referring to the idea advanced by Mr. Brisbane, Mr. Eaton held that the critic owed a duty to the public that should be performed. He has responsibilities as well as the manager and the actor.

Augustus Thomas, who was happy in the fact that he was a newly-elected Friar, made a characteristically brilliant and epigrammatic speech in which he both seriously and humorously commented on the views of Mr. Brisbane, and paid a tribute to Mr. Shubert, with whom he is associated in the production of *The Witching Hour*. Then he said humorously that when he bargained with the manager for the production of *The Witching Hour*, the head of the house of Shubert suggested a royalty not so very large. Yet, said the playwright, "it was more than he would have to pay for these plays." Then Thomas named his figure. "You ought to call that play," said Shubert, with a sad smile, "The Great Divide." As in the case of *The Road to Yesterday*, Mr. Thomas seriously thought Mr. Shubert would not

upon the road of his possibility, if he should continue as he has already gone.

Frank Keenan, who had played Maverick Brander in *A Texas Steer*, which was the first venture of the Shuberts with an attraction, gave his mood of appreciation to the guest of the evening and proceeded with an eloquent and scholarly address based on the importance of the drama and the actor. The theatre had grown to a vast commercial importance, yet it should not be forgotten that its very vitality depends upon the play and the player. And the drama finds its best expression only when those who really make it are free to work according to talent and inspiration.

Harrison Grey Fiske's Tribute.

Harrison Grey Fiske met the Friars for the first time and was pleased with the acquaintance. He said, among other things:

The pleasure of sitting at your board is increased by the opportunity to assist in honoring Mr. Lee Shubert. It is cheering to see in these troublous times that a theatrical manager can occasionally get a square meal from the charitably inclined, and that now and then he can escape the attentions of the first-night death watch and elude the vigilance of the historians and chroniclers, and thereby enjoy here the unusual sensations of finding that he is alive and human. Mr. Shubert merits this distinguished compliment. He is young when you look at him, but he is an octogenarian in experience. Recently he was a leader in the movement to restore competitive conditions in American theatricals. He gave his energy, his brains and his money to the struggle. That it failed was not due to him but to the apathy of those that would have effected most by his success. He fought a good fight and was beaten, but the battle nevertheless brought good results. If the struggle left its scars it also left its lessons, and these lessons were salutary.

His managerial success is a shining example of the golden opportunity our country affords to men equipped with ability, energy and ambition. He has carved out his own fortune. Enterprising, indomitable, restlessly active, within a few years he has established his name and his fame at home and abroad.

Ulric Brendel declares that "the mighty secret of action and of victory—the sum and substance of the whole world's wisdom—is to be capable of living your life without ideas." That is a bitter philosophy, although at times it seems to find confirmation in our own field. But ideas define and the ideals of Lee "cara avis," the manager who exercises art for his own sake. Mr. Shubert's ideals, so far as his career reveals them, are similar to those of the captain of the industry, the striver for commercial supremacy—the ideals, in fact, not only of many individual Americans but in a sense of the American nation. Mr. Shubert also has lent his interest to those that couple artistic aspirations with essential material conditions, and has backed his interest with money and other resources at his command. The serious drama divides his attention with those branches of entertainment less warmly clad.

Goethe, when director of the theatre at Weimar, declared that the manager could not be better than between the best and the worst in drama that the public would profitably support. It seems to me that the Friars and their friends place laurels on his brows. To-morrow he will browse on his laurels. Meanwhile, and always I wish him health, long life and happiness.

Frederick Warde informed the ideas advanced by Mr. Keenan, and pointed out an highly significant of the Shubert success the fraternal affection disclosed by Jacob Shubert while Lee Shubert was speaking. The younger brother was nervous to apprehension until he was certain that the chief guest had acquitted himself well.

J. K. Hackett illustrated the resilient quality of Mr. Shubert—his readiness in any emergency

—by an amusing story of a Canadian in rubber boots. The boots, of course, were of Canadian make. The boot wearer leaped from a four-story window in a hotel. The boots were so elastic that he immediately rebounded to the fifth story, and thus striking the ground again and again finally achieved the top of the tall hotel. They had to shoot him to get him to the ground. Mr. Hackett had been glad to learn of Mr. Shubert's part in several enterprises. He congratulated Mr. Shubert on the event, and felt like congratulating himself on his own lucky association.

There were many diversions during the evening, but none more decidedly funny than the spe-

words by Charles Emerson Cook and music by Victor Herbert, and were vociferously joined to the chorus by some hundreds, and Manuel Klein's Symphony String Orchestra rendered instrumental tribute that was fully appreciated.

Friar Abbott Wells Hawks was selected as toastmaster by a new implement in a preceding officer, whose figure of authority is usually a gavel. This novelty was an elephant hook, probably a practical "property" of the Hippodrome, and useful if any one should have greeted one of the amateur speakers of the evening with that heartless cry that sometimes comes on informal vaudeville occasions: "Get the hook!" Yet no such cry resounded.

This Was the Company.

There were present the following Friars and friends:

Guest Table—Frederick Warde, Harrison Grey Fiske, Otis Skinner, Augustus Thomas, A. Tozen Worm, Lee Shubert, Wells Hawks, Arthur Brisbane, James K. Hackett, Walter Eaton, Frank Keenan, J. Shubert, Hon. Joseph L. Hinchliffe, Benjamin de Koven.

Table 1.—George F. Kerr, Burton Emmett, Joseph Ratcliff, Edwin A. Clark, W. H. Clarke, W. C. Prichard.

Table 2.—William A. Page, Bob Cooper Meigs, D. W. Trues, Ed. Sydney Van, Emil Opfer, M. C. Madson, Max Ihansen, Paul Kester, Prof. Carl Loeffen, John Carney.

Table 3.—James H. Decker, H. B. Thorne, W. R. McDowell, Lou Weed, James Allison, M. Reis, George Nichols, Ed. Bloom, Harry Lee, Charles Gagnon.

Table 4.—Robert W. MacBride, J. D. Barton, Burton Nixon, Madison Corey, Mark Sherrick, Frank W. O'Malley, A. E. Thomas, Thomas J. Barry, Sam Berney.

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WHY NOT MEET CONDITIONS?

THE general business conditions which have seriously affected the theatrical season in New York and the East have been followed by an increased and an unusual depression due to Lent. The coming of Easter this year some three weeks later than last season will probably mark the termination of initiative activity, and early closing may be expected all along the line except in the Western territory leading to the coast. That territory promises to be traversed this Spring by a larger number of attractions than usual, owing to the fact that in the West generally the business depression has been far less pronounced than in other quarters, and the theatres in consequence have been more prosperous.

This early decline of business, taken with the character of the season throughout, no doubt offers to the observing manager many matters for serious consideration. It is the opinion of conservative business men that the outlook for some time to come is not particularly encouraging, while the condition of general prosperity typical of the long "boom" period that preceded the panic will not, probably, be repeated in years.

Business men in other fields have for some time been acting upon an acceptance of conditions. In other words, they have adjusted their affairs, as nearly as possible, to requirements that seem to be inevitable. Prices have fallen in commercial commodities as well as in stocks and other securities, and those who would do business have wisely made concessions to the state of the public purse or the tendency of people to economize in all directions. And there is no confined field of abatement in prices. All classes of business men, recognizing the state of affairs, are making earnest efforts to meet possible patronage half way.

The theatre stands apart from mere practical and necessary enterprise, yet on the whole it usually feels the effects of a general depression more certainly and more quickly than other activities, because it is in the nature of a luxury. Why, then, should not the theatre meet conditions openly, fairly, and in good faith, as other enterprises are forced to do? Why, by one device or another, should management seek to maintain the highest rates for admission when all other things—the better as well as

the poorer—are forced to lower ranges of value?

During the present season some eighty odd theatrical productions of the first class have been made in New York up to April 1. Of these at least half have failed utterly. The figures for last season covering a like period seem to be practically the same, yet the percentage of failures on the merits this year really is much larger, because managers this season have kept productions on in spite of apparent failure in order to prevent the closing of theatres for which no promising material whatever could be provided. And in spite of this maintaining of failures in the face of public apathy, this season has seen what no other season in recent years in New York has known—theatres "dark" again and again, at a time when, according to all precedents, business should be at its maximum. Two theatres were closed for longer or shorter periods no less than four times this season. And late in December, just before the holiday period, no less than six theatres were all without attractions at the same time.

It would seem that managers should meet conditions as other business men meet conditions. Yet in New York and Philadelphia, two great cities in which management has exercised every scheme possible to make the public believe that prosperity prevailed where the reverse was the case, this device and that, aside from actual "papering," has been resorted to in order to give theatres the aspect of a large legitimate patronage, when in fact the patronage was in a measure fictitious. The management of several first-class theatres in New York has repeatedly this season, for example, issued through divers quiet channels large numbers of tickets "good for fifty cents" toward the maximum price of two dollars a seat, in order to make a showing of good business. Would it not be wiser to bid for the public at a lower rate of admission?

Moreover, should there not be a readjustment in various other departments of the theatre to meet conditions? Should not the salaries of actors, royalties to authors, and other expenditures be regulated to meet the requirements of the time?

AN IMPORTANT MATTER.

THE purpose of authors, managers and others to set before Congress the injustice involved in the mechanical reproduction of plays and music without due consideration of creators and owners of artistic property, has found efficient support in the press of the country, and these and other details of copyright now pending in the national law-making body will no doubt be properly settled with reference to property rights and their abuse.

Many newspapers realize the seriousness of the principle involved in this matter; yet other journals find only matter for amused comment in the subject. There is apt to be a hurried and superficial consideration of some subjects in the press on the erroneous theory that they are unimportant.

There is no doubt that all these copyright matters will eventually be so digested by Congress as to protect all rights of authors and owners and provide punishment for those who attempt to violate those rights. The conservative element of the press realizes and sets forth the matter on its merits.

If there is any doubt on the part of any one not directly interested as to the right and wrong of this copyright question a careful examination of the matter ought to dispel the doubt. Questions merely of right and wrong, related to the ownership of plays and kindred property, it is true, do not always seem clear to many persons, the chief interest in such properties being confined simply to their representation.

Yet there is another phase of the matter—the artistically satisfying in play or music illustration or interpretation—which should deserve attention if bald property rights be lost to view. As every one knows, music is now reproduced by mechanism almost endlessly, and of late plays have been pictured by the "moving" process while the dialogue of their characters has been ground out by the phonograph. What would those who have ideals as to these matters—and most persons have ideals as to plays and music—find of artistic enjoyment if the drama and music should for the most part be reduced to mechanical reproduction?

QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

100 replies by mail. No attention paid to anonymous, impudent or irrelevant queries. No private addresses forwarded. Questions regarding the whereabouts of players will not be answered. Letters to members of the profession addressed in care of The Mirror will be forwarded if possible.

H. B. O., Kingston, Ontario: The Mirano has no information as to a theatrical exchange in San Francisco. Your best chance at an engagement in California would be with one of the excellent stock companies in San Francisco, Oakland or Los Angeles.

WHARTON, New York: E. H. Sothern never played Lord Dunmore until the present season. He appeared in the play with his father when he was a child, but only for a few times and then as a sort of "added attraction." You have been misinformed about the matter.

THE ADVANCE AGENT.

An Illegitimate Attack Upon Him Resisted by One Who Speaks for the Guilty.

New York, April 4.

To the Editor of The Dramatic Mirror:

Sir.—In your issue of to-day appears a letter entitled "An Actor's Idea of the Advance Agent," the mental offspring of a person content to sign himself Horace Herbert. This person says he has been an actor for over thirty-five years, and that the result of all his experience is that "there's nothing so needless as the parasitic advance agent," adding that "the best of them is much inferior, from an intellectual and social standpoint of the humblest actor; but the actor foolishly and graciously permits the advance man to address him in a familiar way, which causes a mistaken seeming of equality. The advance man is a parasite. He does not organize, book, promote or in any way add to the income of a tour. In most cases he is densely ignorant, and cannot prepare his own press work. His chief industry and boast seem to be debauchery that would not be permitted in any other calling." And so on.

At periodical intervals some creature erects upon two legs, having all the outward semblance of a human being, and permitted to occupy a pulpit for the presumed enlightenment of the ignorant, stands up in company and denounces the stage as an institution that should be wiped off the face of the earth, and attacks actors as criminals who should be kept apart from honest, respectable, law-abiding and God-fearing men and women. When clergymen do this we know that they have discovered the disadvantages of oblivion, and are doing their utmost to employ their parishioners as advance agents to give them for nothing a certain amount of publicity that will add not so much to the world's moral worth as to the weight of their individual purses after they have received a call to another community more able to put a financial premium on ill-advised notoriety. In the present instance Horace Herbert, whoever he may be, is placing himself in the same boat with the cheap minister, who, knowing nothing of the stage, denounces it, and being unfamiliar with actors, wants all of them ostracized. This person signing himself Horace Herbert shows on the very face of his letter that he does not know what he is talking about, but, eager to make a noise like the animal that Balaam rode, deliberately puts himself in Dogberry's shoes and begs the world to write him down an ass. Under the present circumstances this cannot be done, for the world has already been anticipated by Horace Herbert.

No man who has been an actor for over thirty-five years, as Horace Herbert says he has, could have had his eyes and ears performing their customary functions and conclude that the advance agent is a "parasite," whose chief industry and boast is debauchery. No same person could or would make such a statement. A fool might utter such things in anger or delirium, but fools are never actors and actors are never fools. Still, Horace Herbert says he is an actor! If he could produce one other human being as a witness that he is an actor it might help him some. But if he is an actor, and has been one for over thirty-five years, why is it that no one knows him? Is he one of those actors who never act, or is he the solitary genius who started out over thirty-five years ago to win fame without the aid of an advance agent, and who proves the value of the advance agent's ability and the dignity of the advance agent's calling by admitting to the world that he is still unknown, that he is merely a genius doomed to blush unseen? But then a man who writes as Horace Herbert does could not blush. One must judge Horace Herbert by his own words, and they prove amply that his knowledge of the theatrical profession is purely superficial, that it is just possible that once upon a time—over thirty-five years ago—he was permitted to sit in the outer corridor leading to some manager's office, and that he overheard certain expressions without knowing their meaning, for he adds that an advance agent is not even worth \$25 a week, and as "all rates are fixed, the manager makes the routes and terms, prepares the mimeographed press work and newspaper advertisements, orders all the printing and does everything else possible, the advance man has virtually nothing to do but draw his salary and 'touch' the local manager, which he invariably does to the injury of the credit and standing of the company."

Let us presume for the sake of argument that this Horace Herbert is still sane, and that he was actually sober when he made the startling statements to which he was not ashamed to affix his name. If Horace Herbert could be prevailed upon to refrain from acting where no one remembers him, cease writing where no one has ever heard of him, and accompany an average advance agent for let us suppose a month "on the road," he would conclude that the aforesaid average advance agent was one of the most industrious, painstaking, resourceful and capable men in the business world. He would find that the average advance agent was the man who did a great many things which Horace Herbert says he does not do, and for which, very often, some in the home office receives all the credit. Horace Herbert would discover that the average advance agent was in truth the real business manager of the organization with which he was connected; that he made every one of the railroad contracts, which required a peculiar ability in dealing with railroad officials and securing the shortest routes, the best accommodations and the lowest terms. Horace Herbert would discover that the average advance agent performed all the duties of promoting the enterprise with which he was connected; that he had to be a business man, a hustler, a writer, a diplomat and a man who could work all the time, go without sleep, adapt himself to many different conditions in each and every town, and always fight his battles alone, quickly, decisively and with the best results. Horace Herbert would learn that the average advance agent resembled in many respects the secret service agent in the employ of an army, who cannot fight his battles surrounded by his comrades, encouraged by the spontaneous enthusiasm of his fellows and the magnetism of a leader, listening to the drum beat of steady cheer and constant harmony, and the inspiring song of victory. No! The advance agent fights his battles alone, unaided, ten days ahead of the little army he represents, with nothing but his own ability to guide him, with nothing but his own conscientiousness to cheer him on, with nothing but his own innate desire to do the best that is in him and defeat his competitor in honorable combat, even when the wise man of the town, the local manager, who does not know how many seats he has in his orchestra, and who does not know a taximeter from a bassoon, wrangles with him for three days over the prices to be charged in a one-night stand. Horace Herbert would discover that the average advance agent is an enterprising, thoughtful, original and versatile man of business, who calmly studies the local conditions in each and every city he visits, and prepares novel, original, entertaining and useful reading matter to promote his enterprise, reading matter that is not only different in each city, but remarkable for its correct, but varied adjustment to the local conditions, the policies of individual newspapers and the personal views of the editors who represent them.

Why are some actors known all over the country, even in remote places they have never visited? Because they employ competent, wideawake advance agents. Why are certain communities disappointed when they are visited by a theatrical organization? Because the actors are not so conversant with their duties as the advance agent is with his. Why are some absolutely new plays, new stars and new combinations greeted by packed houses on the opening nights of an engagement? Because the advance agent has employed all his skill, knowledge and enterprise in the exploiting of his attraction. Why do these plays, stars or combinations fail? Because the plays, stars and productions pose less worth as attractions than did the work of the advance agent in promoting them.

Bring five dollars with you. It will pay for your seat. Sincerely and Friar yours, EDWARD FAIRBANKS.

PERSONAL



DIXIE.—Henry E. Dixey is announced to appear in an English version of Papa Lebonard at the Bijou Theatre. This play was given in Italian by Novelli at the Lyric Theatre earlier in the season.

SHAW.—George Bernard Shaw is finishing a new play on the subject of marriage. It is expected that it will be produced this Spring by Vedrene and Barker.

PINERO.—Arthur Wing Pinero has completed a new play that is to be produced by George Alexander at the St. James Theatre, London, this month. Its title is The Thunderbolt.

MANN.—Lotis Mann has purchased a lot at Floral Park, Long Island, with the intention of building a Summer residence.

CHEATHAM.—Kitty Cheatham has returned from a tour of the West, and on Easter Monday she will give a recital of children's songs at the Lyceum Theatre. She will sail for Europe early in May to fulfill engagements in London and Paris.

CONRAD.—Heinrich Conried will sail for Europe on April 28 and will remain abroad until late in the Summer. Part of the time he will spend in writing his memoirs of thirty-five years' connection with the dramatic and operatic stage.

PROCTOR.—Catherine Proctor sailed for Europe on April 4, on the *Carmena*, to remain abroad several months. Miss Proctor last appeared here as leading woman with Society and the Bulldog at Daly's.

ZIEGFELD.—Florenz Ziegfeld, Jr., has been ill with the grip at his apartments in the Ansonia for the past week, but expects to be out in a few days.

FAVERSHAM.—William Faversham has bought outright from Stephen Phillips the American rights to Herod. This play will be the third of the productions he will make at Daly's Theatre, under the management of Felix Isman.

MAYER.—Gaston Mayer, the London theatrical manager, will sail for New York on April 11 to witness performances of Paid in Full. Mr. Mayer will have an interest in the London production of the play.

GRISMER.—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Grismer (Phoebe Davis) sailed for London on the *Carmena* last Saturday, for the opening of Way Down East.

LANGTRY.—Mrs. Langtry has taken a short lease of the Haymarket Theatre, London, and on April 18 will produce a new farce by Sydney Grundy, entitled A Fearful Joy. This is Mr. Grundy's sixtieth play.

ELLIOTT.—Maxine Elliott's tour has ended and she will soon sail for England to spend the Summer. She is planning to open her season in New York early next Fall with Myself—Bettina.

THOMAS.—Augustus Thomas will go to the National Democratic Convention at Denver as a delegate from Missouri. He is expected to second the nomination of William Jennings Bryan.

JEFFERSON.—Thomas Jefferson will open his Spring tour in Rip Van Winkle at Asbury Park, N. J., on April 18, and will close at Halifax, N. S., on June 6.

Why does no one know Horace Herbert? Because he has never had an advance agent.

This self-appointed critic of the advance agent adds that "J. K. Emmett the elder, E. A. Sothern, Emma Abbott, Sol Smith Russell, Frank Mayo, Adeline Neilson and other noted and immensely attractive stars of their time never employed advance men. Their great success proves they were right." What rot! Mr. Emmett, Mr. Sothern, Mr. Mayo and Miss Neilson played at a time when the local manager of a theatre promoted the interests of his visiting stars, who were supported by local stock companies. The local manager was a giant in those days, and protected the best interests of his theatre, his star, his public and himself.

This was thirty years ago! Not to-day! Conditions have changed. A live advance agent of to-day could draw more people to see a dead actor of yesterday than the latter ever attracted in all his life. But Mr. Russell and Mr. Mayo did have advance agents during the latter days of their careers! And as for Emma Abbott, there was not a newspaper office in any town in the United States that did not receive repeated personal calls from her advance agent. And who was it that invented the famous Emma Abbott kiss? Why, Emma Abbott's advance agent! And speaking of J. K. Emmett the elder, E. A. Sothern, Emma Abbott, Sol Smith Russell, Frank Mayo, and Adeline Neilson, might I ask Horace Herbert whether he has ever heard of or even known any live actors? There are several right here in New York to-day. But the name of Horace Herbert is not among them.

It would appear that Horace Herbert is an unrecognized, unremembered fossil of yesterday. Let him wake up. Let him be a part of to-day. Let him reassemble a bigoted, stubborn pessimist asleep at the bottom of a dark and dried-up well, declining to awaken and climb to the top for fear he might be benefited and inspired anew by coming in contact with God-given sunshine.

Awake, Horace Herbert! And learn that an organization of advance agents, numbering 818 men, representing a big share of the power, the industry, the intelligence and manhood of the theatrical business of this country, and called The Friars, has its headquarters in this city and will hold a festival at the New York Theatre on Thursday afternoon, May 14, when you will see what advance agents have done, are doing, and can do. You will then conclude that you were in error when you wrote, "If managers will combine and cut out this unceasless fellow [the advance agent], and divide his cost among the actors, they will get better results."

Bring five dollars with you. It will pay for your seat.

Sincerely and Friar yours,

EDWARD FAIRBANKS.

THE USHER



The difficulties that beset the establishing of such an enterprise as the New Theatre are but beginning to be suggested.

There are few precedents to guide in the practical affairs of such an institution, if, indeed, there is a single precedent.

Artistic purpose has but little beyond its own more or less nebulous ideas upon which to work; for conditions in this metropolis, and in this country, are different from conditions in European countries and capitals, where government itself in the case of paternal theatres assumes responsibility, and enforces its own ideas as to the drama through bureaucratic—and sometimes autocratic—channels.

As has been pointed out already, the mere erection of a building, no matter how splendid, is but the first step in the making of a great theatre.

Even when a director of such an enterprise is selected, that is but another step; for the real labor is yet to be mapped out and pursued under difficulties that arise, both from the outside and from within.

All who have the interests of the theatre as an institution at heart will hope for a broad, free, liberal and intelligent experiment in the great building now erecting on Central Park West.

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The death of Joseph Howard, Jr.—known to fame and familiars alike as "Joe" Howard—recalls memories of the man in the years of his prodigious activity as a journalist and of his participation in the truly Bohemian life of a smaller and less cosmopolitan New York.

Howard in those years was a man of great mental activity and intense vitality, with a never failing bonhomie, yet with a tongue that could sting when he wished to verbally castigate an opponent or an enemy.

He was a man with pronounced friendships and as definite enmities, as is the case with many who distinguish themselves in any walk of life. And in journalism he enjoyed an advantage in that frequently he could strike with no fear of retaliation, though he always was willing to meet an opponent who had no such vehicle as the newspaper, on the opponent's own ground, and give and take verbally to a conclusion.

Persons at all familiar with Howard were of the opinion, in fact, that he was a better talker than writer—though his writing was much like his speech—voluminous and general as were his journalistic labors and widely read as he was. There was no special brilliancy in his writings, though they bulged with common sense; and their practicality was shown in a terse, nervous, laconic style, that in itself appealed to a multitude of readers who would pass by more polished and more literary efforts.

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Howard's philosophy was the philosophy of every-day life, and he had the true journalist's sense of news and the instinct to touch topics that were of interest.

He was for many years one of the most prominent of first-nighters, and the theatre and its people were close to his taste and associative inclination. Varied threads of dramatic criticism ran through his once widely telegraphed daily letters to various newspapers, and note of the personalities of the theatre so frequently found place in his chronicles with mention of persons prominent in more practical affairs, that his leaning toward the stage was manifest.

Withal, Howard was a man of generous instincts and practices, and his sympathy was easily aroused in the cases of those in newspaper and theatrical fields that needed assistance. To an older generation of newspaper men he was indeed a friend, for he was proud of the guild and not above fellowship with its lowliest members. And many a player has found a good word from Howard's pen embalmed in print at unexpected times and in unaccustomed places.

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Years ago, Howard and A. C. Wheeler ("Nym Crinkle") both wrote for *The Mirror* at the same time. Wheeler was brilliant as a writer, and Howard popular. They differed as distinctly in their personalities as they did in their writings; and while Wheeler hated Howard, Howard detested Wheeler.

One characteristic of Howard's was his supreme self-confidence. It was broader and more ready than mere egotism, and what made it the more apparent was his success, for invariably he carried it through. He would slip the President of the United States—or the Czar of Russia, if he could come to that potentate—on the back as familiarly as he would greet a reporter or the head usher of a theatre.

Wheeler, once holding forth on this weak-

ness—or strength—of Howard's, said that there was nothing in the happenings of nature or the rage or ingenuity of man that could phase the journalist. Earthquake or gun music, it was all the same to him.

"Why," said Wheeler, "if Howard were sitting with his face lathered in the barber shop of the *Gilsey House*—then a resort of men about town—and Grau should send word to him that Seidl was so ill he could not conduct the *Götterdämmerung*, and ask Howard to wield the baton, there would be no more diffidence or hesitancy on Howard's part as to undertaking the task than he would show when thirsty before a glass of whiskey."

PRODUCING MANAGERS' ASSOCIATION.

What It Has Done for Railway Passes—Efforts of Copyright Improvement.

The National Association of Producing Managers during its yet young life has already carried out two movements of the highest benefit to managers. Three railroads in the South have put on a two-cent rate for parties of ten or more, and the other railroads in that section are getting ready to come into line, and the Congressional Committee on Patents has expressed itself as favorable to provisions against piracy, as suggested in the association's petition.

The Seaboard Air Line Railway was the first to re-establish the two-cent rate, to go into effect on April 1; the Southern followed example on April 3, and the Atlantic Coast Line has also signified its intention of doing likewise. All these roads will supply baggage cars for parties of eighteen. The former minimum number was twenty-

ARCHER'S OBSERVATIONS.

THE FAMOUS ENGLISH CRITIC ENJOYING A SOJOURN IN NEW YORK.

WILL Lecture on the Elizabethan Theatre at Chicago

—To Make a Round of the Theatres—Interest in the Picture Production of *Rosmersholm*

—The New York Idea the Most Representative American Drama—Praise for American Plays and Players—Critics and Managers.

William Archer, until recently the dramatic critic of the *London Tribune*, has taken advantage of that paper's recent suspension of business to visit America.

Besides being one of the best-known dramatic critics in London, Mr. Archer is famous as the translator of Ibsen's plays. He is here to attend a meeting of the Simplified Spelling Board, of which he is the only English member who has crossed the Atlantic. Incidentally he will make a round of the New York theatres.

"I shall be in New York about a fortnight," said Mr. Archer to a *Mirror* representative, "and before I return to England intend visiting Chicago, where I will deliver a lecture on the Elizabethan theatre.

"I will make use of all my available time seeing what's new in the New York theatres. I am much interested in Mrs. Fiske's production of *Rosmersholm*, and will make an effort to see it while here.

"Judging from impressions received from previous visits I would say that New York is taking a much greater interest in native drama each year. Upon the occasion of my last visit I had the pleasure of seeing two dramas by American authors that afforded me rare enter-

JOSEPH HOWARD DEAD.

The Noted Journalist and Man About Town Long Prominent in New York.



Joseph Howard, Jr., well known to theatrical and newspaper men throughout the country, died on March 31 in the family apartments at the Nevada, in New York, of kidney trouble. He had been in ill health for more than a year. The members of his family were with him when death came.

Dating from the Civil War up to within recent years, Mr. Howard had been connected with various New York newspapers, among them *The Mirror*.

Mr. Howard was born in Brooklyn on June 3, 1855. His father was one of the founders of Plymouth Church and was largely instrumental in bringing Henry Ward Beecher to his ministry. Young Howard was educated at Farmington, Conn., and later at the Polytechnic Institute, in Troy, N. Y., from which he was graduated.

He had taken a special course in school, it being his intention to become a civil engineer. But his career in life was determined in a peculiar manner. He was returning from a pleasure trip to California, and on his way home heard of the shoemakers' strike at Lynn, Mass. Being drawn by a spirit of adventure he went there, as he said in telling of the experience, "to see the fun."

Upon registering at the town hotel he saw written just after the last name on the register the words, "New York *Herald* correspondent." He then wrote his own name and after it, without authority, "New York *Times* correspondent." That night he sent to the *Times* such a comprehensive description of the situation there that Henry J. Raymond, of the *Times*, telegraphed him to continue to represent the paper.

Howard remained in Lynn for some time, reporting the trouble, and after that was engaged by the *Times* to report the great speeches of the campaigns and conventions of 1860. All his work for the *Times* was signed by him, and in but a short while his name became known throughout the country. He represented the *Times* at the battles of Bull Run and Ball's Bluff. He was connected with the *Times* for eight years.

For a short period near the close of the Civil War he was city editor of the *Brooklyn Eagle*, and was a contributor to several periodicals, among them the *Independent*, the *Atlantic Monthly*, the *Leader*, and *Sojourner's Sunday Times*.

In 1864 he wrote and published as a broad a bogus proclamation from President Lincoln calling for five hundred thousand men to end the rebellion. What was intended for harmless burlesque was taken seriously by the Government, and Mr. Howard was imprisoned in Fort Lafayette for fourteen weeks. President Lincoln was appealed to by the young man's friends, and he said, "Be quiet, it'll blow over." Shortly afterward Lincoln appointed Howard official recorder at military headquarters of the Department of the East. He became managing editor of the *New York Democrat* in 1868, and was made editor of the *New York Star* in the following year. He subsequently became proprietor of that publication, then the official organ of Tammany Hall. In 1875 he went to the *Herald*, becoming political writer and attracting widespread attention by his accurate predictions regarding the Blaine campaign.

In 1880 he became an independent contributor to the newspapers, notably the *Boston Globe*, always signing himself "Howard." In 1881 he appeared upon the lecture platform, his principal addresses being on "Journalism," "Cranky," and "People I Have Met."

He married Anna S. Gregg, a daughter of Samuel Gregg, who introduced homeopathy into New England. She died several years ago, but is survived by three daughters: Mrs. Edward H. White, Mrs. Joseph Mead, Mrs. Arthur S. Soier, and Mrs. Irving T. Bush.

Mr. Howard was a member of the New York Press, the *Lotus*, Dramatists, and Boston Press clubs. Of the New York Press Club he was President four times. His writings included a life of Henry Ward Beecher, whose close friend he was; a history of the Union League Club, and "History Makers of the Nineteenth Century."

The funeral took place last Friday afternoon from his apartments in the Nevada and later from Plymouth Church, Brooklyn. Among the relatives who were present at the funeral were his brothers, John B. Howard and R. T. Howard; his daughter, Mrs. R. H. White and Mrs. Joseph Mead; his sister, Mrs. Horatio C. King; two grandchildren, sons of Mrs. Irving T. Bush; a daughter who was too ill to attend the funeral, and two sons of Mrs. A. S. Soier, a fourth daughter, who is in Cuba.

The pallbearers included the following members of the New York Press Club: John A. Hennessy, Charles J. Smith, F. G. Perkins, William A. Deering, Arthur Bennington, David A. Curtis, T. C. Quinn, and C. H. Hoffman.

Besides a eulogy by Dr. Hillis there was a musical service, which included the hymns, "Light in Darkness," "Lead, Kindly Light," "Scatter Seeds of Kindness," and "The Shining Shore."

A committee of seventy-five members of the Press Club attended the service. Burial was in the Press Club plot at Greenwood Cemetery.

rate, there are none at present denied admittance to the theatres. The most notable instance that I remember of a manager going so far as to deny a critic admittance to his theatre was in the case of Mr. Walkley, of the *London Times*. Henry Arthur Jones became so incensed at some of Mr. Walkley's criticisms that when the latter entered the Garrick Theatre on the first night of (I think) Whitewashing Julls, he was escorted out. Later the manager apologized and pleasant relations were re-established. Not infrequently a critic is taken off the free list. In such cases he pays for his admission and the manager ends there.

"The reigning sensation in London just at present is a company of players known as the Sicilians. This company came to London practically unheard of before. They are presenting a repertoire of plays, among them some of D'Anunzio's. The interest in them is not in the plays they produce, however, but in the intense realism of their acting."

CRITICS AS JURYMEN.

The last jury list was a fine one for the Boston critics. Foremost among the names was that of Charles S. Howard, dramatic editor of the *Boston Globe*. Then came Hugh P. McMillan, former critic of the *Advertiser* and now press representative of the *Tremont*. Still another was John W. Luce, at one time dramatic editor of the *Record*, but still better known more recently as press representative at a number of houses and parks about town, and also for his own agency, the *Red Elephant*. It will be a great time for dramatic situations.

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WILLIAM ARCHER.

Five. That other railroads will follow suit Hollis C. Cooley, secretary of the association, feels sure. While in Washington last week he was told by a passenger agent that if the managers intended to stick together in the association the railroads could no longer "hold them up."

The action on the revision of the copyright law has been carried on with a definite purpose and by means of careful organization. The petition presented to the Congressional committee aimed directly at the source of pirated plays, the people who supply unauthorized manuscripts, and its suggestions are intended to throw the burden of proof upon the defendant. By the present law the complainant is obliged to prove wilful and knowing misuse by the defendant. Other matters of importance are under discussion by the directors of the association.

JOHN B. ARTHURS IN TOWN

John B. Arthur, owner and manager of the Green Bay Theatre, Green Bay, Wis., with Mrs. Arthur and his son, is in New York for a few days, and will make a visit to Washington before returning to Green Bay. Mr. Arthur, who formerly was in the railroad business in New York, had not visited this city in twenty years, and is amazed at the growth of the metropolis.

Aside from local management Mr. Arthur is a theatre promoter and builder. He has projected and erected more than sixty theatres in the West.

NEW YORK PLAYGOERS MEET.

The New York Playgoers Club met at the Hotel Imperial last Sunday night and listened to a dramatic and musical program. Short talks were made by John Henry Maher and Alex. B. Rhine. The entertainers were Agnes Summer Gear, Bonita Maud, Vivian Piero, Charles Eggers, E. Hopewood, Alice Sandford-Baker, Mandie Young, Mrs. Edward D. Spencer, A. W. Rose, Ida M. Butler, Anna Dubinsky, Edith Chandler, Florence Anderson and Irvin K. Hassell.

They were *The Three of Us* by Rachel Crothers, and *Salomé Jane* by Paul Armstrong. A better performance than that Miss Robson gave in the latter play one seldom sees. I saw *The Great Divide* during my visit to New York city last year and saw *The New York Idea* in London. Mr. Moody's drama is undoubtedly a remarkable work, but I think *The New York Idea* is the most representative American play. The success that has attended the production of American-made plays in New York this season should be very gratifying to the New York playgoer. Of course, when a foreigner writes a great play it will find its producers in other countries. The people naturally want the best there is, and they care very little where it comes from, so long as they are entertained. The fact that more plays by American authors are being produced by New York managers each year does not indicate patriotism, but simply the fact that American playwrights are forging rapidly to the front.

"What is the condition of the theatre in London to-day as compared to that of recent years?"

"I have just experienced a somewhat

successful theatrical season," he replied, "but I believe the decline in interest on the part of the public is only temporary. I am certain that the theatre there will see a complete return to normal conditions next Fall."

"As to melodrama the same conditions do not prevail in England as in America. Melodrama pure and simple of the old *Haas Kirke* type is now confined almost entirely to suburban and provincial theatres, though at Drury Lane a great melodrama is given every Autumn. I take it that here melodrama still flourishes in many theatres, and especially at the stock company houses, to which we in England have nothing analogous. I have been told that the melodrama in this country depends mostly upon interesting children—in this respect resembling the pantomime in England, which is, however, also supported by grown-up people."

Mr. Archer had a word to say about critics and managers.

"The critics in London," said he, "are on fairly good terms with the managers. At any

CHICAGO'S ACTIVITIES.

FEW NOVELTIES OFFERED IN THE WESTERN THEATRICAL CENTRE THIS WEEK.

The Rose of the Rancho—Ringling's Circus at the Coliseum—Arnold Daly in a Special Bill—Adelaide Kelm's Illness—One Opera Company Falls—News of People and Projects.

Chicago, April 6.—David Belasco's elaborate atmospheric production of *The Rose of the Rancho*, with Frances Starr as the star, enters on its second week at the Garrick to-night, with indications that the success of the opening week will continue. The extraordinary beauty of the scenario has been recognized by the critics, and Miss Starr has been welcomed as a charming and clever young actress. The play itself throws the wonderful atmosphere supplied by Mr. Belasco into strong relief, and shows accurately the relative importance of both. The fact is made plain that atmosphere is not of first importance, not vital, and that the play's the thing. Charles Richman did Kearnny smoothly, Frank Luce made the priest an interesting figure, and Oscar Eagle was good as Tommaso.

The new English comic opera venture at the International ended suddenly the middle of its second week, last week, with the announcement that the tenor who had appeared at all performances was ill. Later news was that the company refused to accept stage money for stage services.

The English Opera company, which withdrew from the International and was succeeded by the company that did not succeed, will sing *The Serenade* this week at the Auditorium instead of Robin Hood, which was to have been kept for four weeks.

Ringling's Circus season opened gallily at the Coliseum last Thursday, with the Ringlings present; also James J. Brady, Guy Sloane, and others of general staff. The crowd was much larger than a year ago, the big auditorium being nearly filled. The elaborate programme was given with smoothness, and included several fine, novel acts like that of the Carson Sisters. The sensational feature is the somersaulting automobile. Among the performers are the Four Jordans, Aerial Smiths, Six Golems, J. Dutton, the Wards, Emma Cornalla, the Millies, Adal Shaws, De Mario, Hechti and Ardo, Daisy Hodges, Emma Stickney, McNally Brothers, Kehl and Hadig, Belford Brothers, Patty Brothers, Marguerite and Hanley, Marnold-Marnold Troup, Belmont Brothers, Mardo Trio, Three Clarkes, Jackson Family, Belford Family, the Clarkmans, and the Alvarez Troupe. The menagerie is complete and interesting as ever.

Arnold Daly delighted a large audience last Thursday afternoon at the Garrick with three little plays of unusual cleverness—The Shirkers, by C. M. S. McCallan; The Van Dyck, by Eugene Perugia, and The Flag Station, by Eugene Walter. Mr. Daly was completely at home in the part of Murray in *The Shirkers*, and the performance can apparently without a flaw. Equal praise can be given Holbrook Blinn for his Belvoir and Helen Ware for her Margaret—a trio of talented actors very seldom seen in little plays. Stage dilettanti got further enjoyment out of the artistry of the French playwright. The Van Dyck, in which Mr. Hillier showed what a good "feeder" he can be, and Mr. Daly what a good comedian. The Walters play was an exceptionally strong bit of melodrama.

Katherine Grey, Guy Bates Post, and Scott Cooper will be in the cast of *Paid in Full* at the Grand Opera House.

Manager E. J. Sullivan, of the Studebaker, announces that May Robson will be at the Studebaker again after Arnold Daly. She will be seen in *The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary* and a new play.

Grace George will play Sylvia of the Letters, by J. K. Jerome, once during her engagement at the Grand Opera House.

Colonel W. F. Cody arrived last week, very sick, with an attack of la grippe. His case was severe for several days, but he was better the latter part of last week, although his physician allowed no one to see him.

Perry Weaden returned to Chicago as manager of *The Rose of the Rancho* for Mr. Belasco.

Something caviar to the general was enjoyed by a small but devoted audience at Music Hall last Wednesday, when Bachenay's Madman or Saint was given. Donald Robertson gave a sincere performance of Lorenzo, a man of wealth and high social rank, who decided he had no right to these advantages and insisted on giving them away. His family protested and pleaded. At last they sent him to a madhouse. He went as a martyr.

A note received last week announces that Irene Meora, of *The Curse of Drink* company, was married to Harry Miller, a non-professional, at Pittsburgh, on March 14.

A. W. Dingwall, general manager of the Litt productions and theatres, was in town recently looking after local interests. His visit was followed by the announcement that Brewster's Millions would be among the Spring special engagements.

Adelaide Kelm's illness, throat trouble resulting from a cold and her performance of *Hamlet*, was found to be so serious that she could not resume playing for at least a month. She therefore gave her notice, and Lillian Lawrence whose talent is well known, especially in Boston, was engaged by Manager Harry Holbrook. Miss Lawrence did not arrive in time for last week's production, and will begin to-night in the emotional role of Anna in the new play, *The Path of Thorns*. The sudden retirement of Miss Kelm, after two seasons of increasing popularity, as leading woman at the Bush Temple, is deeply regretted by the Bush patrons and many personal friends.

Joseph Bransky, assistant treasurer of McVicker's, has suddenly become a successful manager. His attraction, May Hosmer in *Sapho*, drew good houses at the Columbus.

The opening attraction at the Princess will be a college play by Hough and Adams.

Will Killoy's Candy Kid will be at the Bijou the week of April 19, and Manager Roche has been giving away tagged sticks of candy by the thousand.

Billy Van and a lively company were a popular success at the Great Northern last week. Mr. Van remains in hitland with plenty of low comedy ability to spare. Mabel Reed is a bright young member of his company, and Florence Brooks made hits with her opera arias.

Viola Allen is at the Grand, beginning to-night.

The Soul Kiss will come to the Colonial.

Grace Ranworth, formerly a member of stock companies in Chicago, succeeds Lida McMillen in Richard Carle's company.

The engagement of The Dairymaids at the Illinois began last night.

Clay Lotus is the star of the Majestic bill this week, beginning this afternoon. Manager Lyman Glover has an exceptionally fine bill in addition to this special attraction.

May Hosmer in *Sapho* and Camille kept the Columbus well filled all week, making it one of the most successful weeks of the season. Francis Boggs was a satisfactory Armand. The company included Van C. Barrett, Mark T. Elliston, James Sullivan, Hugh Irvington, Herbert Shaw, Beatrice Thorne, Gladys Montague, Clara Hope, and Alice Gerbing.

P. Aug. Anderson, who must have played the drunkard in *The Curse of Drink* about a thousand times, was still giving a natural and complete characterization at the Alhambra last week. It was strong and thorough, and the effect went home to the audiences strongly. Helen Glidus did Peggy, the drinking woman, very well, and Dorothy De Shelle was a bright and pleasing Nellie.

Owen Davis' *It's Never Too Late to Mend* was seen at the Bijou last week to be an unusually bright and effective melodrama, played by a good company. Hayden Stevenson gave the hero a good, rational personality with strength. The Bijou Washburn played the homeless girl nicely. In the company were Franklin Hall, George Melford, Kensi Higgins, D. H. Morrison,

Milton Boyle, Harry R. Vokes, Katherine Vincent, Louise Valentine, and Amy Fransworth.

The Broken Idol, a Japanese musical comedy, by Hal Stephens, with music by Williams and Van Alstyne, the song writers, is to be the successor of *Three Twins* at the Whitney.

The Sign of the Cross was elaborately done at the College last week. This week, *Home Folks*.

The Great Divide, with Mr. Miller and Miss Anglin, will be at the Garrick again beginning on April 20.

Checkers at McVicker's, beginning next week. Ethel Barrymore at Powers' in *Her Sister*, beginning to-night.

Robert Emmett O'Connor, who had a minor part in *The Sign of the Cross* at the College, was suddenly elevated to the leading role last week in place of James Durkin, who became ill. He succeeded in making a good impression.

Alice Burton played the title-role of *Polly Primrose* most pleasingly last week at the Bush Temple, the new leading woman, Lillian Lawrence, not having arrived in time.

The new Court Theatre, in Deshorn Street just back of the Grand, will be begun May 1. John Cort is President of the company: H. H. Frazer, Vice-President, and U. J. Hermann, Secretary and Treasurer.

Gene Luneska is playing Natalie in *The Merry Widow*.

George, Felix and Lydia Barry, Clifton Crawford, and Charles Mack and company were most successful at the Majestic last week. Anna Eva Fay aroused the usual interest. *The Star Bout*, with its boxing match, was a hit at the Olympic.

An "Independent" circus, not in the trust, will be in Chicago next Fall, Oct. 5 to 18, for the *Freemen's Benevolent Association*, which is the first organization of its kind to have a whole circus for its benefit. In this instance it will be the Haagenbeck-Wallace combined show, in the Dexter Park Building. Harry Earl, general press representative, says all the trained animals will be there.

AT LOCAL THEATRES.

A Death of New Plays at the Beginning of Spring.

To be reviewed next week:

DON QUIXOTE..... Lyrical Bijou
PAPA LOBOUARD..... Garrick
THE ROYAL MOUNTED..... West End
BUSY BETTY'S BOOBS..... West End

Hacket—Students' Matines.

The students of the Stanhope-Wheatcroft Dramatic School gave a matinee performance at the Hackett Theatre the afternoon of March 31. Six one-act plays were given. The first number on the programme was *At the Turn of the Road*, by Julia White. The cast was:

A. Man..... Sidney Moll
His Wife..... Florence Lancaster
Hope..... Bebbie Tracy
Despair..... Helen Abbott

The story of this play has been given before. Helen Abbott gave an excellent performance, representing Despair. She played the part with ease and grace. Bebbie Tracy represented Hope with equal merit, giving a careful portrayal of the part. Florence Lancaster as the Wife played the part intelligently. Sidney Moll was only fair as the Man. He was a little uneasy and seemed to forget his lines.

The Duelist, by Cecil De Mille, was next given. It had this cast:

HENE DE SAUZAN..... G. Brooks Wheatcroft
HENE DE SAUVRE..... Bebbie Tracy
DANIE DE SAUVRE..... Karl Knapp
ARMAND LEFEBRE..... E. L. Delaney
TRISTAN ARMITAGE.....

The action of this play is supposed to take place in Paris in 1789. Edou de Saunet is to fight a duel with Hugh de Rivière. The latter's wife enters and implores De Saunet not to kill her husband. In the duel which follows De Saunet is intent with his antagonist and as a result is killed himself.

Stanhope Wheatcroft gave an interesting performance as Edou de Saunet. His close attention to detail made the part one to be remembered. C. Brooks Collins played his part with entire credit. Bebbie Tracy was good as Danie de Rivière. Karl Knapp was Armand Lefebre, and E. L. Delaney was Tristan Armitage.

A scene from Shakespeare's tragedy of King John was next presented with this cast:

HUBERT..... Sidney Moll
PRINCE ARTHUR..... Amada Compton
EXECUTIONERS..... Fred Seton

Considering the afternoon to be the occasion of Mr. Moll's first public appearance, it can be said he gave a meritorious portrayal of Hubert. Amada Compton was delightful and acted with credit. Louis Knowles and Fred Seton acted as executioners.

The fourth number on the programme was a comedy in one act entitled *A Jew's Beggar*, by George Becken. The cast was as follows:

MORTIMER APPLETON..... R. L. Delaney
DAVID APPLETON..... Stanhope Wheatcroft
LOUIS CASE..... C. Brooks Collins
SYLVIA LEITON..... Jennie Jones

Mortimer Appleton is an artist who is fond of painting pictures of actresses. He has been painting a picture of Sylvia Leiton, who is an actress, and falls in love with her. While visiting his studio she is shown a valuable jewel. She decides to steal it and unlock the window to afford an entrance to her paramour. He enters and gets the jewel, but is discovered before getting away with it. He poses as Sylvia's brother, and Mortimer doubts that he is the thief. David Appleton, Mortimer's brother, believes him to be guilty, and it is through his efforts that the jewel is regained.

Jennie Jones as Sylvia Leiton interprets her part skillfully and gracefully. E. L. Delaney gives an intelligent portrayal of the artist, Mortimer Appleton. C. Brooks Collins assumed the character of Louis Leiton satisfactorily. Stanhope Wheatcroft played the part of David Appleton with ease and naturalness.

The End of the Day, by Alex. H. Laddie, Jr., was next given with the following cast:

HAROLD IVE..... G. Brooks Wheatcroft
EDWARD IVE..... C. Brooks Collins
SUE IVE..... Helen Abbott
RALPH MEADOWS..... E. L. Delaney
LEWIS CASE..... Hope Loring

Sue Ives has been made the dupe of Ralph Meadows through a mock marriage. He is the son of a wealthy parent, who demands that he marry another girl. Lewis Case is a young man in love with Sue, but she cannot receive his attentions on account of her relations with Meadows. Meadows receives news that the other girl whom it was his father's wish that he should marry has been killed in an accident. He then decides his willingness to marry Sue, but she, disgusted with him, refuses and accepts Case.

Helen Abbott was charming as Sue Ives and won the sympathy of her auditors with her excellent acting. E. L. Delaney as Ralph Meadows gave an interpretation that suggested the cold, calculating villainy of the character admirably. R. L. Delaney was pleasant as Lewis Case. He played his part well. Hope Loring as Alice Bennett was wide awake to the possibilities of her part which she played with much spirit. C. Brooks Collins was satisfactory as Edward Ives. Gareda Otterberg created considerable amusement as Harriet.

The last number on the programme was the well-known comedy, *Ici on Parle Francais*, by Thomas J. Williams. The cast was as follows:

MAJOR RATTAN..... E. L. Delaney
VICTOR DUBOIS..... Nicholas Garand
MR. SPRINGINS..... Karl Knapp
ANGELINA..... Jennie Jones
LUCRETIA HALSTEAD..... Florence Lancaster
ANNE MARIA..... Hope Loring

Nicholas Garand gave an excellent interpretation of Victor Dubois, creating much amusement in the role. He also displayed an ability to play the violin much out of the ordinary. E. L. Delaney was skillful and resourceful as Major Rattan. Karl Knapp was very funny as

Mr. Spriggins. Jennie Jones as Mrs. Spriggins carried her part through with credit. Lucretia Halstead made a charming Angelina. Florence Lancaster was very good as Julia Rattan. Hope Loring was very comical as the maid, Anna Maria, playing the part with much skill and resource.

Harlem Opera House—Becky Sharp.

Becky Sharp, the play by Langdon Mitchell, in which Mrs. Pike originated the title-role, was given a splendid revival last week, and the members of the stock company won new laurels by their interesting presentation of the various characters. Beatrice Morgan scored a decided success as Becky, and entered into the spirit of the part with great zest. William A. Norton gave a wonderfully strong performance as the Marquis of Steyne, and again proved himself an actor of sterling worth. His portrayal of the crafty, polished Steyne is a masterpiece. John Craig was a picturesque and forceful Rawdon Crawley and George Howell was excellent as Joseph Sedley. Emilie Melville scored as Miss Crawley. Louise Randolph as Amilia, Virginia Cranney as Lady Jane, William C. Carr as Sir Pitt, Wallace Erskine as Dobbin, Robert L. Hill as George Osborne, and Grace Scott as Lady Blanche, did good work. Others in the cast were Maurice Wilkinson, Charles M. Scory, Gwendolyn Williams, Eleanor Miller, and M. J. Paust. The scenery, effects and costumes were in excellent taste and Barry O'Neill's stage management deserves praise. Miss Morgan was out of the cast for four performances, owing to throat trouble, and her part was played by Miss McGrath. This week's play is *Sky Farm*.

EDWIN AUGUST.



The above snap-shot is of Edwin August, who is at present appearing in Liebler and Company's new production of *Going Some*, by Paul Armstrong and Rex Beach. This print is unique in so much as it was snapped by the subject himself—his foot on the bulb—and shows him as he appeared in *The Cowboy and the Lady*, and will appear next season in *Vanderville*. The playlet to be used is in three scenes, requiring seven acting people, and contains two surprises, one entirely new to *Vanderville*. The production will be elaborate. Time is already being booked.

THE NEW THEATRE'S HEAD.

FOUNDERS AT A LOSS FOR A DIRECTOR—An American Wanted.

It was stated positively yesterday by people interested in the New Theatre that an effort would be made to choose an American as art director of the theatre. H. Granville Barker, it is said, was considered by Otto Kahn and others of the founders as a possible candidate for the position, but after conferences last week neither Mr. Barker nor the founders believed that the English manager would care to undertake the work. The office was never formally offered him. The name of Frank R. Benson, the London actor-manager who has had supervision of the Shakespearean revivals at Stratford-on-Avon for several years, has been mentioned. He is said to be the only foreigner now on the list of probables. The names of a number of Americans have been suggested, but it is certain that none has been asked to take the office. Heinrich Conried's health precludes his taking up the work actively, it is said.

AGREEMENT ON "CANNED MUSIC."

The controversy over the failure of the "canned music" dealers to pay royalties to authors and composers for works used in phonographs, piano players and other like instruments was brought to an end to-day by an agreement reached between representatives of the outstanding interest. The agreement was submitted to the Joint Committee on Patents, and that body will whip it into the shape of a bill, which will be reported and undoubtedly passed. It will provide for a flat royalty system and will extend the copyright laws to all mechanical machines reproducing either pictures, maps or plays. Under the bill to be reported any one may reproduce songs or other compositions on mechanical instruments on payment of a royalty. A scheme of "copyright stamps" to be issued by the Government has been suggested.

DICK BERNARD HAS BIRTHDAY.

To celebrate his fifth birthday, which was Sunday, Richard Bernard, a son of Sam Bernard, gave a theatre party for many of his young friends and a reception for many birthday gifts Saturday afternoon in the Casino Theatre. The reception, which was attended by more than a score of children, as well as several older persons, was held on the stage after the curtain was dropped on the matinee performance.

Before the comedy was ended Mr. Bernard took Master Richard on the stage and introduced him to the audience and invited the audience to remain and see the party. After the last curtain was dropped on the stage and Mr. Bernard made a speech of welcome to the children.

MRS. MORTON'S BENEFIT A SUCCESS.

The benefit for Christ Hospital which took place at the home of Mrs. Henry R. Morton, in Hoboken, last Saturday afternoon, was a complete success. The event was the occasion for a gathering of persons of social prominence from both New York city and New Jersey. The following took part in the musical programme: Mark Andrews, Mrs. Berenice Holly, Mr. Barnard, Mrs. Lathrop, Karl Feininger, and Mr. Clark.

SHAN GETS AMERICAN THEATRE.

Negotiations between Felix Iman and the Zborowski estate were closed last week, whereby Mr. Iman takes a long lease of the American Theatre. The lease now held by William T. Keigh has two more years to run. It is Mr. Iman's intention to close the Eighth Avenue entrance to the house. The nature of the productions intended for this house has not been divulged.

THE PLAYGOERS ELECT GOVERNORS.

The American Playgoers at the Hotel Astor Sunday night elected these governors: Myra R. Martin and Mrs. Jean Caldwell, to hold office until April, 1909; Alex. Rice McLean and Dr. Walter J. Briggs, to hold office until April, 1910; the Rev. John Talbot Smith, Mrs. James Madison Bascom, Mrs. Alma Webster Powell, Robert Hamilton Tucker, Dr. James C.

THE LONDON STAGE.

A FEW NEW PRODUCTIONS AND MANY MORE PROMISED.

The Players from the Grand Guignol and Their Shocking Plays—The Men on the Kerk—Travelled Vaudeville Artists Reappear—A Series of Successful Short Plays.

(Special Correspondence of The Mirror.)

London, March 28.—Since my last article we have been favored with a visit from some more alien actors and actresses—that is to say, the lately departed Sicilian and shocking players were last Saturday night followed at the Shaftesbury by a company from the Grand Guignol Theatre, a tiny playhouse up a back street in Paris, at which theatre the swagger local society pay eight shillings per time as the lowest price of admission.

These Grand Guignolists have in their repertoire some few farcical trifles such as *Un Pou du Ménage*, which Boerbohm Tree not long ago produced in an English form under the title of *The Van Dyke*. But for the most part the Guignol playlets (they are all in one act) are of a very gruesome order of architecture. For example, one of their pieces in an awesome adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's creepy story, "The Suicide's Club" Another shows the corpse of a beautiful woman in a mass of clay out of which a sculptor has been modeling her before he made up his mind to murder her. This murder is discovered through the hypnotic trance of another model who is sitting in the same room to another artist, displaying her beautiful back to the audience the while.

Yet another of these precious playlets shows how three men hold a trial upon a previous comrade who has betrayed them, and on sentencing him to be hanged carry out the sentence themselves. Another shows how a man puts his head in a guillotine hole and is unable to get it out again. And so on and so forth do these Grand Guignolists illustrate poor old Othello's awful line, "On horror's head horrors accumulate."

I don't think I need add more concerning the players except that most of them act in a very finished manner, and that Conservatoire though I am I cannot help wondering how it is that our play licenser permits alien actors, whether Sicilian or Teutonic, to present in England dialogue and business which he would not permit our native players to do.

Several now running plays will presently cease to run. For example, *Her Father*, as adapted by Citizen Michael Morton for the Haymarket, will be followed by Mrs. Langtry's production of a new comedy written by Sidney Grundy and entitled *A Fearful Joy*. In speaking of *A Fearful Joy* last week a *Reverie* wag ventured to express the hope that nobody will snatch it. Poetry students please note.

Moreover, Manager George Alexander will in a few weeks withdraw *The Thief* from the St. James's and will follow it with a new play, written by Arthur Wing Pinero, and entitled *The Thunderbolt*. Whenever *The Thunderbolt* shall cease to thunder Alexander will present a new play, for which he has just signed a contract with Alfred Sutro.

The *Girls of Gottenberg* finishes at the Gaiety to-night, and will be succeeded at Easter by a new musical play entitled *Havannah*, with the missing semi-creatures and things provided by Composer Leslie Stuart. *Lady Barbitury* will soon end its brief run at the Comedy, where soon Prentiss Frohman will (he has just told me) present a new society comedy, written by W. Somerset Maugham, and entitled *Worthley's Entire*. It may interest those who do not know, to learn that the word "entire" used in such a connection means that the tavern upon which the phrase is displayed is bound to sell the beer of that firm only. Such public houses here are called "tied" houses.

Speaking of public houses, our musical playhouses and our music halls are just now rocking with whores, warbles glorifying the licensed victimizer (generally known here as "Mr. Bush") who is fighting with all his might and main (together with those of his including against) the Government's recently proposed Licensing Bill. Most of "the trade," as the licensed victimizer is always called here, appear to think the proposed bill is an terribly prohibitory as any liquor law which you Americans have ever experienced in Maine or elsewhere.

Harking back to Sutro, it is fitting that I should here record the fact that a new one-act play of his entitled *The Man on the Kerk* was produced by Seymour Hicks at the Aldwych last Tuesday at a matinee given by Mrs. H. H. (Elaine Terrell) in aid of the Jewish Children's Penny Dinner Fund. It was a painful, but also terribly real story of a young clerk who through no fault of his own had been thrown out of and kept out of employment, and with his wife and little baby were in a state of most desperate starvation. It is to be hoped that the playlet's moral or "message" appealed to the many rich kind friends in front who had paid some £300 at the doors. Seymour Hicks, mostly known as the most frivolous of light comedians and most volatile of vocalists, acted the poor clerk with thrilling intensity and poignant pathos. The terribly suffering young wife was impersonated in exactly similar realistic fashion by Florence Kahn, who, methinks, is from your side of the emerald streak. Seymour and Florence received quite a half a dozen hearty calls at the close.

Vaudeville Minnow readers will be glad to learn that the two big British music hall favorites lately in the States have just made their London reappearances with the greatest possible success. I allude to Marie Lloyd and Harry Lauder, both of whom are properly proud of the great reception which Americans gave them. I met Marie as she landed, and so pleased was she at the kindness shown her by your citizens that I would not have been surprised had she told me that she had arranged to become an American citizen, as one of her relations has just become.

Mrs. Brown Potter has reappeared in London on the Coliseum variety stage this week as Lady Teasle in an except from *The School for Scandal*. Maud Allan, the Canadian dancer, who has been dancing without much clothes on and gloating over a male head of John the Baptist at the Palace Theatre, appears to be drawing all sorts of distinguished visitors, including royalty, if you please. Now Maud is a beautiful creature, and she a beautiful dancer, but for the theatrical and variety life of me I cannot see that dancing in a state of semi-nudity round the Baptist's head, on a music hall stage, is a fitting kind of show for any such place. However, it's all a matter of taste, as the American girl said when she preferred to chew candle instead of candy.

In return for the many vaudeville plays which America so often sends us we are about to send to America a few of our very own. The most important of this group is *The Lady Bankrupt*, written by the late brilliant playwright, James Davis (otherwise Owen Hall), and his only contribution to the music hall stage. This sketch, with new music by H. E. Fisher, one of our merriest music hall composers, is to be brought to America by Eddie Molloy, a very brassy and beautiful young actress, whose portrait has been hung in our very exclusive and high and haughty Royal Academy, if you please.

The remaining dramatic output of the week has included four tiny plays produced by those enthusiastic mummets called the Playactors at the King's Hall (or National Sporting Club), Covent Garden, last Sunday. These plays were respectively, *Amuse and Breaking It Gently* (both by a lady called Affleck Scott); *The Masked Girl*, by Arthur Applin, and *The Picture of the Year*, by George Fauston and Henriette Corkran. All the plays were promising, though three were rather bad, and all were well acted by clever young promising players.

That often closed theatre, Terry's, is to be reopened ere long by Fannie Ward, whose promised plays include a new version of *The Secret Orchard* and the often announced adaptation of *The Marriage of William Ashe*, as now adapted by Mrs. Humphrey Ward as well as Margaret Mayo.

On the same Sabbath evening the G. P. Club gave a grand banquet at the Criterion Restaurant to congratulate the eminent comedian Sir John Hare and the ditto operatic actor Sir Charles Santley on their recent knighthood by the King. It was a splendidly representative gathering.

Boerbohm Tree will withdraw *The Beloved* Vagabond from His Majesty's next Wednesday and will on Saturday give a grand revival of *The Merchant of Venice*.

GAWAIN.

METROPOLITAN DIRECTORS MEET.

The twice adjourned meeting of the Combined Metropolitan Opera Company was held last Friday afternoon. This was the last meeting under the old name, and hereafter the organization will be known as the Metropolitan Opera Company. W. Bayard Cutting was elected Director to fill the place of the late George G. Haven. Other directors elected were Edmund L. Bayliss, George J. Gould, Clarence H. Macnay, Rosaline L. Constance, Elliot Grainger, Hamilton McK. Twombly, T. G. Griswold, William K. Vanderbilt, T. De Witt Cuyler, James H. Hyde, Harry P. Whitney, Robert Goetz, Otto H. Kahn and Henry R. Winthrop.

James H. Hyde, Harry V. Higgins and Count Dan Martino were re-elected members of the European Committee. At the subsequent Directors' meeting, the election of Giulio Gatti-Casazza, as general manager, with Andreas Dippel as administrative manager, was formally ratified.

The plans for next season include the production of several new operas and at least one opera in English, Goldmark's *Cricket on the Hearth*, Gustave Mahler, Arturo Toscanini and Alfred Hertz have been engaged as conductors.

In addition to Mmes. Farrar, Fremstad, Gadski, Homer, Morena and Sembrich, and Messrs. Bonci, Burian, Caruso, Goritz, Martin, Reiss and Scotti, all of whom will reappear next season, several important new engagements are under negotiation or have been concluded. Among the latter may be mentioned Signor Grassi, who will share the Italian tenor parts with Mme. Caruso and Bonci; Mrs. Emmy Destinn, dramatic soprano; Madame Selma-Kura, the Viennese coloratura soprano; Madame Maria Gay; Mr. Amato, baritone; Mr. Didur, who sang this season at the Manhattan, and Mr. Hinckley, an American basso.

ACTORS' CHURCH ALLIANCE NEWS.

A very successful tea was held at the New York Chapter Rooms last Thursday afternoon. Jessie B. Masters was hostess, assisted by Mrs. William Howe. Among those present were a number of club women, Mrs. Herbert H. Knowles, Mamie Sutton, Linda Bechelle, Mrs. Marsh, Flora Marsh, Mrs. Edith Totter McGrath, Mrs. J. H. Hutchinson, Mrs. L. Ford, C. T. Cattin, Agnes E. Demond, Nellie Callahan, Rev. F. J. C. Moran, Ida Reichman, Mrs. Charlotte Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ford, Cecilia Campbell, Mrs. Imogen King, Mrs. F. P. Pratt, Mrs. Canton, Mrs. Bowden, of Brooklyn, and many others. Tea will be served as usual this Thursday, and members and friends are cordially invited.

The National Council also held a very successful enrage on Friday afternoon under the charge of Mrs. C. H. Abbott, chairman; Mrs. M. G. Spooner, Ida I. Ackerman, Jessie B. Masters and Olinde Dresser. There were many beautiful prizes donated for which the committee is very grateful. The next enrage in aid of the National Council will be held at headquarters on Friday, April 24. Members and friends desiring tickets may obtain them at headquarters. Prizes for this enrage may be sent to any of the committee.

AMUSEMENT COMPANIES INCORPORATED.

The following amusement companies filed certificates of incorporation the past week at Albany: The Western Amusement Company, New York; capital, \$5,000; directors, Jacob Klein, N. G. Goldberger, and Meyer Klein, New York Americans Theatrical Producing Company, Syracuse; capital, \$5,000; directors, F. P. Martin, Anna M. Griffin, and H. J. Ormsbee, Syracuse New Amusement Company, New York; capital, \$5,000; directors, J. T. Knecht, John Zimmerman, and Emanuel Kaun, New York. Imperial Theatrical Company, New York; capital, \$10,000; directors, Franklin Bien, Thomas Adam, and Charles Marks, New York. Dentschuk Amusement Company, Binghamton; capital, \$5,000; directors, C. H. Buck and J. C. Buck, Greene; R. I. Dewey, Binghamton. Pat Casey Agency, Inc. (theatrical), New York; capital, \$10,000; directors, Pat J. Casey, M. W. Livingston, and Mortimer Fisher, New York. The Eighty-sixth Street Theatre Company; capital, \$15,000; directors, Jules Hurting, Benjamin Hurting, and H. J. Seamon, New York.

NEW THEATRE FOUNDERS DINE.

Otto H. Kahn entertained at dinner, on April 2, the founders of the New Theatre and H. Granville Barker and William Archer. Nearly all of the founders were present. The guests discussed the plans for the theatre, but informally. Mr. Kahn said that the founders will have nothing to say about the directorship of the theatre until Mr. Barker returns to England.

OTIS SKINNER WRITES A PLAY.

Otis Skinner, in collaboration with a French play, has completed the scenario of a new play which he calls *The District Attorney*. A play of this title, by Harrington Gray Pike and Charles Klein, was produced several years ago in the American Theatre, New York, and is still used by stock companies.

WILLIAM FAVERSHAM IN COURT.

William Faversham was defendant in the Jefferson Market Civil Court last Thursday, in a suit brought by an Italian artist. The artist painted a picture of Mr. Faversham, and claimed that the actor had ordered it. The picture was exhibited to the jury and a verdict was immediately rendered in Mr. Faversham's favor.

WILLIAMS AND WALKER CELEBRATE.

Williams and Walker celebrated the sixteenth anniversary of their partnership by a special performance at the Majestic Theatre on March 31. The entire third act of *Bandanna Land* was cut out and the time devoted to some of the songs the two comedians have sung during their career together.

WILLIAM VAUGHN MOODY RECOVERING.

William Vaughn Moody, who is ill with typhoid fever at his studio, 107 Waverly Place, New York city, is reported by his physician, Dr. J. Darwin Nagel, to be considerably improved. Dr. Nagel says that if his patient continues as at present for the next few days all danger will be passed.

THE STOCK COMPANIES.

T. N. Heffron has been engaged as general stage director of the Central Theatre, San Francisco, Cal.

Alfred Aldridge opened with the Ethel Fuller Stock company at the Gotham Theatre, Brooklyn, playing *Caesar in Sapho*.

At the Baker Theatre, Portland, Ore., George Allison made a striking *Raffles* last week. He will not play in *A Trip to Chinatown* this week, appearing instead as Romeo in a special matinee of *Romeo and Juliet*.

Edwin Mordant and Grace Atwell (Mrs. Mordant) opened with the stock company at Whipple, Mass., Nov. 22, and made instantaneous success. The engagement is for six weeks. Mr. Mordant's versions of *Under Two Flags* and *Faust* will be presented during the engagement.

REFLECTIONS



THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

Mortimer Murdock.

Mortimer Murdock, author, actor and playwright, died at his home in Bridgewater, Mass., on March 31. He was eighty-six years old, and was born in Scotland. Mr. Murdock was the man who gave Sir Henry Irving the start which sent him rapidly to the front of the theatrical profession in England. The incident happened more than half a century ago. Irving was engaged then as a super at the Sunderland and Mordant was a full-fledged star. Irving impressed them both as a wonderful fellow, and he introduced him to Robert Windham, the manager of the Royal Theatre, Edinburgh. Mr. Murdock was of Scotch birth and he left the farm to join a company of players in London. He rose rapidly in the profession and soon became prominent in Shakespearean roles. In 1869 he came to this country and made his first appearance in America as Richard in *Julius Caesar*. On October 7, 1867, he appeared at the Bowery in *Lois XI*. He remained two weeks, and appearing in *Ray Blas*, *Black Eyed Susan*, *Plumbe* and *Sweeney Todd*. Twenty years later he came to America to stay, appearing with Edwin Booth. He wrote thirty-five plays, including *The Hoop of Gold*, *Down by the Sea*, *Old Grimes*, *In Duty Bound*, and *Proved True*. The last named play had its premiere production at the Bowdoin Square Theatre in Boston on January 20, 1902. He leaves three daughters, Mrs. Mabel Perry, and *Blanche* and Ruth Murdock, all of whom reside in Bridgewater, and two sons, James, of Brockton, Mass., and Artie, of Bridgewater.

E. Murray Day.

E. Murray Day, a retired actor, seventy-four years old, died at Long Branch, N. J. He was prominent on the stage for a quarter of a century, and had married Joseph Jefferson, Kate Claxton, and Fanny Davenport. A widow survives. The following are some of the plays in which he appeared: As *Tristan in Louis XI* at the Broadway Theatre, on Oct. 14, 1895; as *Caliban*, in *Hamlet*, at the Broadway, on Oct. 29, 1895; as *Horatio*, in *Hamlet*, at the King Lear, at the Broadway, on Jan. 27, 1897; as *Ben Jonson*, in *King Arthur*, at the Broadway, on Feb. 1, 1897; as *the Duke*, in *Othello*, at the Broadway, on Feb. 8, 1897; as Sir William Evergreen, in *Romeo Diamond*, at the Broadway, on Feb. 21, 1897; as Dr. Goudot, in *Plague*, at the Grand Opera House, on April 13, 1897; as *Lorilong*, in *L'Amoureuse*, at the Olympia, on April 29, 1897; as *Puddifoot*, in *Plague*, at the Grand Opera House, on April 21, 1897; as *Frederick*, in *As You Like It*, at the Grand Opera House, on Nov. 2, 1897; as Mr. Pennsylvania, in *American Girl*, at the Grand Opera House, on June 20, 1897, and as Jerome Madden, in *Two Roads*, at the Windsor Theatre, on Sept. 19, 1897.

R. H. Brock.

R. H. Brock, business-manager of the Bietsch-Bentley company, died at the Hennepin Hospital in Buffalo, N. Y., last week, of cerebral hemorrhage, after a short illness. Mr. Brock had been connected with burlesque enterprises for several years and was very popular with his associates. His remains were brought to New York for interment.

Notes.

Thomas E. Graham, an actor and stage-manager, died on March 30 in his home, 542 West 167th Street, New York city. He was taken ill while plowing in Washington Park weeks ago with influenza, and after a short illness, Mr. Graham had been removed to New York city, where his condition gradually became worse. Mr. Graham was about forty-five years of age. He was for thirteen years stage-manager for Richard Mansfield. Eight years ago he was engaged as a stage director by Liebler and Company, remaining with them ever since, first with Viola Allen's company and afterward with Miss Roberta's organization. He was a member of both the Lambs and Players clubs.

Emmie May died on March 29, at East Pass, Tex., after an illness of one week. Her last engagement was as *mother* with the Condé Brothers Stock company. She was taken sick on Wednesday with what the doctors announced tussilagia, and grew gradually worse and died at noon on the Tuesday following. The body was shipped to her home, at St. Ignace, Mich., where her mother, brother and sister reside. She was nineteen years of age.

Colonel Elihu R. Rockwood, a brother of George G. Rockwood, the photographer, died at his studio, 209 Broadway, New York city, on March 21, of apoplexy. He was sixty-four years old. Mr. Rockwood was a Grand Army man, having served in the Civil War four years. He leaves a son and two daughters. Interment took place in Woodlawn Cemetery.

SAID TO THE MIRROR.

WILLIAM C. COLVIN: "My attention has been called to an article by J. Palmer Collins regarding the tour of the Bonnie Brier Bush. Permit me to say that this new Northwest has great possibilities at present and is destined to be one of the most profitable sections of the country in the future. The Bonnie Brier Bush has not had an equal week this season, and has not, in my opinion, a more favorable tour. The company was organized within twenty-four hours after Mr. Collins left it, and continues to be as harmony and prosperity and will continue to be so until we close some time in April."

CURRENT AMUSEMENTS

Week ending April 11.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC—William Faversham in *The Snow Man*—228 times, plus 25 to 32 times. ALHAMBRA—Vanderlee. AMERICAN—Wine, Women and Song. ASTOR—Paid in Full—11th week—48 to 55 times. BELASCO—The Warrens of Virginia—11th week—145 to 150 times. BIJOU—Announced: Henry E. Dixey in *Papa Lehman*. BROADWAY—A Waltz Dream—11th week—50 to 55 times. CASINO—Sam Bernard in *Nearly a Home*—11th week—30 to 37 times. CIRCLE—Closed April 4. COLONIAL—Vanderlee. CROWN—The Black Crook—1st week—1 to 8 times. DALY'S—Girls—3d week—17 to 24 times. DEWEY—Kentucky Belle. EMPIRE—William H. Crane in *Father and the Boys*—6th week—41 to 48 times. FOURTEENTH STREET—Happy Holligan's Trip Around the World. GARDEN—Closed April 4. GARRICK—Cyril Scott in *The Royal Mounted*—1st week—1 to 8 times. GERMAN—Old Heidelberg—4th time; Greta von Barten—1st time; Hilda Gouver—2 times; At the White House—2nd time. GOTHAM—Wrestling Follies. GRAND OPERA HOUSE—Boers Brothers in *Panama*—11 times; pine 8 times. HACKETT—The Witching Hour—21st week—106 to 171 times. HARLEM OPERA HOUSE—Stock co. in *Sky Farm*. HERALD SQUARE—Low Fields in *The Girl Behind the Counter*—20th week—213 to 220 times. HIPPODROME—The Four Seasons—20th week—The White Horse—Port Arthur—11th week. HUDSON—Ode—Ginger—1st week—10 to 60 times. HURST AND SEAMON'S MUSIC HALL—Knickerbocker Burlesques. KAUFCH—Vivid Drama.

BOSTON

Grand Opera at the Boston—Follies of 1907—The Intruder—Stock News.

Boston, April 6.—This is grand opera week in Boston, and for the first time in months the great auditorium of the Boston has anything but the presence of the stock company upon its stage. Society was on hand in full force to-night, and the advance sale for the week, while not quite so great as that for last week, is sufficiently large to prove a notably successful season. The piece to-night was *Iris*, a semi-newly, as it had never been given in Boston by these singers, and its single presentation was under circumstances that caused it to be overruled by the operators. Other works to be given in the course of the week are *La Bohème*, *Die Fledermaus*, *Trovatore*, *Don Giovanni*, *Manon Lescaut*, *Tristan and Isolde* and *Mignon*. The Boston performances are expected to be the most notable ones of the season.

Follies of 1907 is back in town for a single week at the Colonial. For a fortnight in the Fall it packed the house at every performance, and now it is back again with all the original favorites, and one new-comer of special attractiveness in the person of Lucy Weston, the London comedienne. Still, with Miss Davis, Rickel and Watson, and the drummer girls, little more would have been needed.

The Tremont will give the usual serious dramatic novelty of the week, but it will come in the middle of the week, and then only as a special matinee on Thursday, when the first performance anywhere of *The Intruder*, a new play written by Thompson Buchanan, a New York newspaper man. It will be given by a special cast picked up from *The Man of the Hour*, with Julia Stuart and Frances Brandt added. The rest of the week *The Man of the Hour* will continue.

Texas, which has already played two prosperous engagements at the Globe, began another one there today, and had as great enthusiasm as ever.

At the Grand Opera House another melodrama of sufficient note to succor to the long list of offerings was in Boston this season. *The Lost Trail* will help to keep things up. Frederick Smith scored the chief hit, but the cast is effective in its way.

The West End also looks in that section of the country for its play of the week, and in *James' Jinx* finds thrills enough for the members of the stock company to hold their audiences with. Vanderveil between the acts and before the play is now the feature here.

The Sporting Duchess forms the change of bill for the week at the Castle Square with *The Players*. The newcomers stood the test well, especially W. C. Masson, who had his old character, the trainer, Louis Albin, who has just joined, and Alfredo LaSalle.

The Right of Way has made a great hit at the Hollis, and it has been doing capacity business all the week.

Miss Stand at the Park is holding her own, and, although this is the fourth week of the engagement here, the house business still prevails, and the orchestra has got to under the stage several times a week.

The Top of the World at the Majestic is a good successor to *The Wizard of Oz*. It is much the same sort of an extravaganza, and it has caught the fancy. Anna Lauglin is different from the traditional comedienne, and Bailey and Astor, Arthur Hill, and George W. Moore, and individual successes.

The theatres feel curiously the rivalry of the Hippodrome, for only a performance or two, and then it was realized that Boston was quite large enough for all styles of entertainment. There are now bengal matinees at the Hippodrome. The chief hits have been Oscar Lowande and the flying Barnards, and the ballet is well managed.

Richard Goldin is the chief feature of the week at Keith's. Charles Leonard Fletcher gives his studies of Mansfield as the chief man at the Orpheum. The *Threepenny* series, with Frank Finney as the notable lead, are at the Palace. At the Lorraine the Bill company with George W. Rice is the offering. Edmund Hayes in *The Wine Guy* is chief card, with the Jolly Girls at the Columbia. Miss New York, Jr., is at the Howard Atheneum, and there is also a strong house there. Capital vandals by a double company is at the Austin and Stone's.

All the moving picture places from Roxbury to Charlestown give new pictures and new illustrated scenes.

The past week has been a good one for the subscriptions for the new opera house, even if not quite so good as the first, and now the amount pledged for the company is some \$70,000. The report came out last week that Business-Manager Flanders had returned from the West after having engaged Alice Nielsen and Constantine to be the nucleus for the new opera company. Then that was denied with the remark that Alice would be engaged until the house was well under way.

Miss Flanders is coming to Boston a week earlier than had been expected. A change in bookings has been made at the Majestic, and now she will come next week and will star a fortnight. Rosenthal being the offering all the time.

There will be a professional matinee at the Hippodrome to-morrow for the benefit of all the actors now playing in town who do not have matineses of their own.

Society turned out in large numbers to recognize the performance's generosity in giving a special benefit for the Children's Aid Society.

Theresa Fricke, of the Boston Theatre Stock company, is spending the present week, while the company is resting, in a camp in New Hampshire, while the change is sure to be of great benefit to Mrs. Fricke, who it will be recalled, was recently obliged to give up for a time because of a condition which is devoting all his time to winter color sketching, in which he is most successful. Before the season close Mr. Fricke will hold an exhibition of his work.

Wilson McLean, leading man of the Boston Theatre Stock company, has been suffering somewhat from a throat trouble lately, owing to the heavy demands being made upon his voice. As soon as the season closes a long rest is in store for him. Mr. McLean's present plan is to spend the summer in western Massachusetts as the guest of Action Davis, who has a delightfully situated summer home on the shore of Lake Quinsigamond, in the Connecticut River.

They are still playing *Eliza's Daughter* at the Mission Church in Roxbury, as they do every Lent. Charles Freedman made a due offer for the stage rights, thinking it would prove another *Everyman*, but the priests declined to sell it.

Robert P. Janette, manager of the Globe, has been receiving no end of congratulations now that the announcements of his resignations are out. The company was formed on March 16, and Kathryn Purcell was the bride. They are now at home to their friends on Wednesdays at 39 Vine Street, Roxbury. Mr. Janette is one of the most popular of all the managers in Boston.

When the stock company at the Boston gets back to its place next Monday, it will resume the run of *The Sign of the Cross*.

Adelphi Mayer's musical comedy company is now fully engaged in its repertoire at the Globe, and will begin its Spring and Summer season there week after next. Madame Harry Luther is having to work overtime, for he is caring for the press interests of the Hippodrome, the stock company at the Castle Square and also the Mayer company.

William Fawcett will close his season with *The Snow Man* with the coming engagement at the Hotel in this city.

Richard Curtis' stay at the Colonial with Mary's Lamb is to be for four weeks. He has now started on another musical comedy called *The Alamo Girl*. J. A. Burros.

CINCINNATI

William Collier—May Robson—Billy B. Van—The Charity Ball.

CINCINNATI, April 6.—Ten seasons have elapsed since William Collier last appeared as a star in this city, but it was demonstrated at the Grand to-night that he has not been forgotten, an excellent audience being present to witness his latest farce. Caught in the trap. Both star and play were received with every evidence of approval. *The Girl Question* follows.

May Robson made her first appearance in this city at the head of her own company at the Lyric last night, and pleased a fair-sized audience in *The Re-invention of Aunt Mary*, which proved a capital vehicle for the expression of Miss Robson's best talents.

Billy B. Van is again at the Walnut in his popular musical farce, *Patay in Police* which pleased his ten thousand audience as greatly as ever. Ross Morris, Frank C. Evans, and Blanche Latell are his chief assistants.

The Charity Ball, always a sure box office winner in this city, will crowd the Olympic all week, where Manager Fiske's Foursome company is giving a spirited performance, with Herschell Mayall and Edie Adair in the leading roles.

The Black Patti Troubadours is attracting good business at Henley's, in Prince Bouillon, with Sister Jean in the leading role.

Miss Lydia with Lillian Forrest Goodwin in the dual role of Cleopatra and Lady Isabel, is doing the usual satisfactory business at the Lycene.

Die Fledermaus was played by the German company of the Grand last night, before a good sized house.

Batcheller's Boston Belles held the boards at the Standard this week. The Star Show Girls are drawing well at People's. Last week's bill at the Colonial included Jack Gardner, the Philadelphians, Sam, Jessie and Sam, Charlie Wayne and company, Roberts, Hayes and Roberts, the Hines-Gardner company, Weston Sisters, and Ruth Foster.

H. A. Burros.

PHILADELPHIA

New Opera House Under Way—The Vaness Prince—Season Draws to a Close.

PHILADELPHIA, April 6.—The dramatic season of 1907-08 is nearly at an end, and with Easter week will witness the closing of our first-class theatres. Suitable attractions not being obtainable is the cause of the early closing.

Oscar Hammerstein's new undertaking, the building of the Philadelphia Opera House, is now under way, with the determination to open the house on May 12.

It will require monster attractions to draw society and the fashionable set up to this house.

The *Tancreo Prince*, Geo. M. Cohen's latest musical, was received this evening at the Chestnut Street Opera House, with marked favor and applause, by a crowded house. The Cohen family are again the main features, aided by Tom Lewis, Sam J. Ryan, Jack Gardner, Estelle Westworth, Stella Hammesfeld, Frank Hollins, J. J. Lance, Robert Bennett, Leonard, William Levin, Donald Cripe, John Jarrett and a large, stunning and well trained chorus. Fourty melodic runs through the entire play. The plot introduces a newly rich man from Chicago, who are in favor of the house of securing a titled husband for their daughter, and to achieve social prominence which has been denied them at home. A young American (Geo. M. Cohen) comes to the rescue, with the usual happy finale.

Miss Janis in *The Roppon* is in her second week at the Garrick Theatre, to full capacity at every performance. It is an outstanding show, and appeals to the masses. Gay Mollie's return to the stage is a success.

The *Round Up* at the Forest Theatre is now in its ninth week, and the house is again packed to the maxes. Gay Mollie's return to the stage is a success.

Miss Northcott at the Broad Street Theatre, for second and last week, appears in a round of her favorite characters, supported by a company that deserves special mention for truthful delineation. This engagement has been a treat to our best class of theatrical patrons, and highly successful.

The Imposter, a new play by R. U. Ranch, comes April 12, being the final attraction of the season at this house.

The *Two of the Place* and *The Girl* has made a genuine hit at the Walnut Street Theatre, and remains for an indefinite term, with *The Girl Question* to follow.

Madame Nadimova in *Hedda Gabler* for second week at the Adelphi Theatre, is meeting with high favor and good business and fashionables.

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Grace Lillian Walker, a talented St. Louis actress, has accepted an engagement with the San Francisco Opera company, with a series of standard operas.

The *Redemption*, a new play by a Philadelphia author (said to be Edwin Childs Carpenter's play), *The Order of the Rose*, is announced for production April 20 for one week only. The summer season will be inaugurated April 27 with the Boston English Opera company, with a series of standard operas.

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LOUISVILLE.

Mrs. Fiske—A Notable Attraction at the Mary Anderson at Last—Other Offerings.

One of the notable engagements of the season was that of Mrs. Fiske, at the Mary Anderson Theatre, March 26-28, in *Isleen's Rhapsodism*. There was much interest, and the advance sale was large. Notwithstanding the unusual character of the great actress' part, the general desire to see her in some of her earlier parts, the pretty little playhouse was crowded at every performance. The verdict of press and public was uniformly, avowedly, of another triumph achieved. So much has been written of the play and of Mrs. Fiske's artistic worth, it that it is unnecessary to attempt to enlarge upon the production within the limited space of this letter. Only good words may be spoken of the excellence of the supporting company, particularly of Bruce McRae, the leading man. The innovation of such an elaborate play being produced without orchestra, or incidental music, also excited comment. Altogether, the engagement was a pronounced artistic and financial success.

Praderowski, under the management of One R. Talbot, was heard in concert at Mary's 20-4 by a large and appreciative audience. May Wilson, who secured *The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary* 21. The bright little play and the work of the popular star were thoroughly enjoyed. *The Witching Hour*, Brown of Harvard and *The Red Mill* follow in the order.

Around the Clock, at the Avenue, was the offering week 29. *Barney Gilmore* followed.

Louis Morrison's version of *Faust*, acceptably well performed by a capable co. drew well at the New Masonic 30-4. The electrical scenes accessories were noteworthy. *The Royal Chef* opens 6.

The Buckingham had a prosperous week 20-4 with *The Star Show Girls*. In the co. are James C. Dixon, Maria Cruz, the La Sells Trio, Princess Tarpeh and the Jolly Tar Septette.

The grand-ville bill at the Mary Anderson for week ending 4 includes *Armenia* and *Blanchard*, Gen. Ed. Levine, the Two Vintners, and *Reedley*, the Granci, Macari's Dogs and *Macari*, and DeWitt, Burns and Torrance. *Business* excellent.

Phillip Jacques in advance and Frank Carlos Griffith manager, were warmly welcomed by old Louisville friends in connection with the engagement here of Mrs. Fiske.

Active plans are being prepared for the early opening of *Montane Ferry Park*, and the White City. Both of these summer resort places are popular. Wm. Richardson, will again manage the former, and Colonel John H. Whistler will control the White City affairs.

Louisville field and trap shooters are preparing a royal welcome for Fred Stone of Montgomery and Stone, when *The Red Mill* comes. The comedian is an enthusiastic sportsman with dog and gun. He will be shown a good time here by local devotees of the sport.

Conductor C. A. Shaw, of the Avenue and the New Masonic, and Manager Wood, of the Mary Anderson, express themselves highly satisfied with the season's success at the former name.

Augustine Thomas was an honored guest during a portion of the week. He talked entertainingly of his new play, *The Witching Hour*, of a new book that he is writing of his art, acting and actors generally, and expressed a few opinions on the political questions of the day. He was a welcome visitor at the theatres, the newspaper offices and at the clubs and proved a very entertaining visitor.

CHARLES D. CLARKE.

KANSAS CITY.

Francis Wilson—The Barker Company's Excellent Acting—Al. G. Fields Better Than Ever.

A Knight for a Day held the boards at the Willis Wood March 26-28, playing to satisfactory business. The presenting co. was somewhat disappointing. Eddie Redway and Eddie Herbert essayed the leading parts. The production was well staged and costumed. Francis Wilson in *When Knights Were Bold*, made a poor 20-4 at the Willis Wood, before a succession of large audiences. The Gingerman 20-4. Grace George 4-6.

The Light Eternal was the Barker Stock bill at the Shubert 20-4, playing to record breaking performances. The play is styled a romance of early Rome, and is the first costume drama to be attempted by this co. That it is a success, however, is strongly attested to by the fact that the sale for the entire week is so heavy that the management has decided to continue it for a second week. The Light Eternal is a play of many excellent parts, and the Barker co. as a whole is sure to the best advantage of any play yet produced by them. Francis Wilson did exceptionally fine work in the role of the Prince of Armentia. In the heavy role of Corvinus, Reginald Barker had the first big part he has essayed since the opening here, and his excellent rendition of the role was easily the hit of the performance. Wallace Worrell as Sebastian and Wilfred Roger as Marco Valerius handled principal parts well, while for the lesser characters in the play credit must be given to Reginald Traviss, W. H. Morris, Albin Flaven, and Owen Meach. George Wilson, the scenic artist, deserves praise for some very attractive grand sets.

Al. G. Fields' Minstrels at the Grand 20-4 played to the usual good business. The show is better than ever this season. Little Johnny Jones 6-11.

The Padette Orchestra was the Orpheum's headliner 20-4, others on the bill being Howard Kyle and co., Jerry and Hart, Dixie Brothers, Lilly Flemons, Bert Herrold and Garretts, all of whom pleased.

Pickford from Paris held the boards at the Auditorium 20-4, playing to a fair week's business. Confessing of a Wife 5-11.

His Terrible Secret was the Gillies attraction 20-4, doing a big week's business. The Roy with the Books 5-11.

Dave Marion and the Dreamland Burlesquers pleased good sized audiences at the Century 20-4, the show proving quite entertaining.

At the Majestic 20-4 the City Sports proved a very good drawing card and were well received. The specialities were above average.

Colonel R. C. Horne, who shot and killed H. J. Groves and seriously wounded O. D. Woodward in the offices of the Kansas City "Post" several months ago, has been committed to the State Insane Asylum at St. Joseph, Mo. Mr. Woodward, who is manager of the Willis Wood and Auditorium theatres here, has almost entirely recovered from the effects of his wounds.

A large advance sale for the Sembrich concert, to be held at the Auditorium 4, assures a big audience for the event.

INDIANAPOLIS.

Chauncey Gillett—Minnie Dupree Charming—Forough Company in Carmen—Vaudeville.

Chauncey Gillett appeared in *O'Neill* of Derry at English's March 25-28. While the audiences were not large, the star met with a hearty reception at each performance, and his new songs, pleasing and popular, were received with much favor.

The Road to Yesterday made its first appearance here 27, 28, and proved as delightful and charming a comedy as has been seen here for some time. Minnie Dupree carried off the rightly deserved honors.

Whatever may be said of the *Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary* as a play, it certainly made a most entertaining evening for the fair sized audience at English's 30. May Robson's inimitable style of humor and her acting made Aunt Mary an amusing and sympathetic character. The Girl Question, matinee and night, 1. William Collier in *Caught in the Rain* 2. Montgomery and Stone in the Bed Mill 6-8. Henry Wood in *Brown of Harvard* 10, 11.

Well costumed and staged, the production of Carmen by the Forough Company at the Majestic 20-4 is in every way worthy of much praise. It is the opinion of many of her admirers that in Carmen Lucille Spinney has found one of her best roles. She was surprisingly good, and with George Arvine, who gave an intelligent, forceful performance of Don Jose, carried off the honors of the evening. Ross Lynd as Don Jose played her scene with Don Jose in the scene and set with genuine feeling that merited the applause that followed her. Marie Curtis had the small part of Theresa, and played with all the jocundity that the part demanded. *Artemis* 6-11.

Crowded houses greeted the opening performances of The Ninety and Nine at the Park 26-28. Princess Minstrels are playing their first engagement at the Park 30-1 to large and well pleased houses. *Barney Gilmore* and *Dublin Dan* 2-4. The Old Cross Roads 6-8. *The Gambler of the West* 9-11. *The Plinta*, 12-15.

An excellent bill at the New Grand 20-4 was headed by Robert Hillard and co. in a strong sketch, *As You Sow*, well acted and artistically produced. Dan Burke and his School Girls offered a singing and dancing act that was attractive. Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Kemp's series of colored views of Arizona were interesting. Foster and Foster provided most of the fun. *Ernest and Eva*, *dancers*; *Kishikawa Jap Trompe*, and *Woo and Kippy*, *actors*, completed the bill.

M. C. Anderson telegraphed Manager Ziegler last week that he had arranged all the details concerning the engagement here of Vesta Victoria, and she will make her first appearance at the New Grand week 6. It will undoubtedly be the record breaking week of the season.

The special party of about one hundred Franklin people who came up to see Jack Story in *The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary* were close friends of the manager. Mr. Story spent Sunday and Monday, 28, 29, with his parents in his home town. He had nearly studied music in Indianapolis with a well-known teacher here and sang in the Presbyterian Church in Franklin, and members of that choir were in the theatre party.

PEARL KIRKWOOD.

LOS ANGELES.

Brewster's Millions—Mary Shaw—The Secret Orchard—Vaudville—Gaud.

Brewster's Millions, with Robert Ober playing the role of Monty, pleased quite good audiences at the Mason 22-23. *The Ham Tree* 20-4.

Mary Shaw is at the Los Angeles for a two weeks' engagement, playing the past seven nights in *Mrs. Warren's Profession*. Splendid attendance was the rule. Miss Shaw is an actress in all that the term implies, but as to her support it might have been

more correctly directed.

Harry Mastroianni as Count Von Guggenheim and Cary Clarke Ward in the role of the count lady were the real animated spirits in the revival of *Willy* Smith's *Left Home*, at the Burbank 22-23. The play provides for many good parts, which were all well filled and the box-office receipts for the week were most satisfactory. *Sapho* will be ailed 20-4.

The Secret Orchard was given its first production in Los Angeles at the Belasco this week. Lewis Stone, Fredric Franklin, John Daly Murphy and a few others of the company handle the parts in a capable manner and to the satisfaction of large audiences.

Polly Pickling's *Pats* in Petland is the best thing on the bill for the week's offering at the Orpheum; almost the same thing as said of *La Sylphe*, a classic eccentric dancer with several fine twists and turns; Watson and Morrissey have a clever song and dance act which went well, as did the Rosslies in their two acts the slack and the taut wire; the rest were all hollows.

The Ulrich company was seen at the Grand in *Tony Routhblack*, which pleased the audience. The Cow boy and the Squaw 20-4.

William Bernard, father of Dorothy Bernard, now playing at Belasco's, will arrive in the city next week and it is rumored he will play a season at the Burlesque Frits Fields, one of the comedians to be in the Temple Opera company, now rehearsing at the Auditorium, has just arrived. Harry Earle, a local player, has joined the Ferris and will play in Minneapolis this Saturday. Comedians are coming from everywhere and making arrangements for displaying their wares during the time the Atlantic Fleet is to be here. Considering the thousands of players who will take advantage of the low rates offered by the railroads to visit this section, these managers of juggling ought to reap a rich harvest.

DON W. CARLTON.

COLUMBUS.

Enrico Caruso in Concert—Willie Collier—Keith's Attractive Bill.

Keen interest is being manifested locally over the coming engagement of *Signor Caruso* of the Metropolitan Grand Opera co., who opens his tour here May 1. Caruso is only to appear in six cities, which were determined by the size of the halls contained therein, and since we, with our gigantic Memorial Hall, could seat 6,000 and over, were accordingly placed in the favored few. Caruso opens his tour there, then goes to Cleveland, Montreal, Toronto, Detroit, and Buffalo. In addition to the great tenor there will also be heard Ward, Scott, basso, Giulia Allen, soprano, and Miss Margaret Keyes, contralto. Master Kotiawski will play the piano, while Signor Tullio Voghera will be at the piano. Caruso has never been heard in concert before in this country. Charles W. Bryan is arranging all of the details locally, and is making a most creditable start.

Philip Jacques was a caller at the Mason office, and announced that despite the fact that Mrs. Fiske would not get closer to Columbus than Newark, which is over fifty miles distant, that over two hundred local admirers would attend in a special car train.

Caruso's appearance at the Auditorium 20-6. Considerable disappointment is evinced by local theatregoers that she will not appear here this season. Her success here at the old Empire, two seasons ago, was the artistic and financial success of the entire year.

Willie Collier was greeted by a big, enthusiastic house in his new play, *Caught in the Rain*, at the Great Southern 21. *The Dairymaid* played to two capacity houses 1. May Robson in *Aunt Mary* 2-4.

The *Cowboy* and the *Squaw* and *Concert* 20-21 divided up the week at the High Street Theatre, and played to fair business.

At Keith's the usual good bill prevails. The Novelty, Louie Sully, Foy and Clark, the Basque Quartette, Goldsmith Bros. and Humes, Knight Bros., and Marion Minstrels, and Morris and Morris. Manager Prosser is attracting attention to his house by the novel method of attaching balcony seats to miniature balloons and sending them flying into the heavens, with dodging arches and others soaring after them.

Bacheller's Boston Bells is filling up the week at the Gayety.

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Garfield, and Eugene Seguin: good, to fair business. —ITEMS: The Majestic closes for the season 11. —The Park closes its vaudeville season 4. It will open with pictures and songs 6 for the Summer.

WILKES-BARRE—NESBITT (Harry Brown, mgr.): Marie Doro in The Morals of Marcus March 30; good co. and business. Fritz Schell in Mile. Modiste 3.—**GRAND** (Harry Brown, mgr.): Harder-Hall Stock co. Plays: Brochu, Buster, The Girl and the Gambler, The Slave Girl, on the Bridge at Midnight, For Home Sweet, To Die at Dawn, The Night Riders, pleased fair business. Tong, the Bootblack, 30-1; fair co. and business. Anita, the Singing Girl, 2-4. Chicago Stock co. 6-11.—**LUZERNE** (L. H. Baker, mgr.): The Lady Birds 26-28; fair co. and business. Williams' Imperials 30-1; fair co. and good business. Broadway Gaiety Girls 2-4. Oriental Cozy Corner Girls 6-8.

LANCaster—FULTON OPERA HOUSE (C. A. Yester, mgr.): Himmeltein's Imperial Stock co. March 22 pleased fair sized houses. The Isle of Spice 30 gave satisfaction to a good sized house. Edward Vroom in The Luck of MacGregor 1 canceled. Marie Doro in The Morals of Marcus 2 pleased a large audience. Dunsmore-Van Den Berg Opera co. in The Barber of Seville 3. Under Southern Skies 4.—**FAMILY** (Edward H. Baker, mgr.): The Red Mill 2. Charles Grapewin & Mrs. Fisher 11.

MILTON—OPERA HOUSE (A. J. Blair, mgr.): Tarentum—NIXON (Joseph S. Skirball, mgr.); Voncini's Minstrels 2.

WELLSBORO—BACHE AUDITORIUM (Dart and Dart, mgr.): The Missouri Girl 11.

BELLEVILLE—H. Henry's Minstrels March 20 pleased a full house.

POTTSVILLE—ACADEMY (M. Reis, prop. Charles Hauseman, mgr.): Chicago Stock co. closed week March 26 to good houses. Plays: The Fairy Farm, A Lion's Heart, Sergeant James, His Majesty and the Maid, The Bronco Buster, Sapho, Carmen, The Debut of Mile. Rose, Prince Otto, Quo Vadis, and A Rose of Plymouthtown. Murray-Machay co. week 20-4; satisfied paying business. Plays: Gates of Justice, Thelma in the Shadow of the Cross, Private Star, Love in the Field, Picturesque a Million, The Shadow Detective, A Will o' the Wisp, Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, and Young King Brady. English Grand Opera 6; Imperial pictures 11. The Red Mill 15.

ALTOONA—MIRHLER (L. C. Mishler, mgr.): This house put in vaudeville this week, with the exception of March 31, when Miss Bob White was presented to poor business. The vaudeville bill included Brown, Clark and Bartell, Carson Brothers, Casey and Le Clair, and Winscherman's bears, and played to fair patronage. Alice Thurston & Padoverski 2. Week 9. **GRAND** (Robert E. Miller, mgr.): Eddie van vander commented this list this week. Welch, Francis and co., W. E. Whittle, Musical Crags, Marron and Heins, Wallace Daniels, Fritz's dogs, and Bob Tip and co., and are drawing good.—ITEM: The Majestic, Johnstown, closes its first season 18 with a winning year.

MAZELTON—GRAND (George Albert Haley, mgr.): Faust pleased two good houses March 28. The Helen Grayce co., without exception the best stock co. that ever appeared here, opened for a week 30 with The Christian, Other Days, The Pride of Jennie, The Little Minstrel, When We Were Twenty-one, Thelma, and In the Palace of the King; to capacity; business continued big.—**FAMILY** (Knoblauch and Hersker, props.; Harry Hersker, res. mgr.): Week 30 James B. Donavan and Anna Arnold, T. Henry Mathews, William Patton and Al. Pinard, Winkler and Kress, Lillian Martha, and the kinetograph; fair, to light business.

MARSHBURG—MAJESTIC (Joseph Frank, local mgr.): The Isle of Spice March 30; good house; pleased. The Smart Set in The Black Politician 27, 28; good attendance; pleased. Brewster's Millions 30, 31; good business; pleased. Marie Doro in The Morals of Marcus 1; good co. and well paid. Miss Hauseman 1-2-4. **GRAND** (Ed. A. Adams, Theatricals & Martin's, U. T. C. 10, 11.—**OPHEUM** (G. Floyd Hopkins, res. mgr.): Week of 30-4: La Nale Brothers, Maudie Fox, John and May Burke, Lasky's outfit, Octette, the A. D. Allen co., Will Lester and Lou Miller, and Dutson and Hope.

WILLIAMS—LYCOMING OPERA HOUSE (J. J. Flato, mgr.): Miss Bob White 1 to fair business; pleased. Our New Minister 8. Ezra Kendall 10.—**FAMILY** (Fred M. Lamade, mgr. and owner); 30-4: Adams and White, Captain Henry, Professor G. A. Davis, Winters and Littlefield, Anita, Wallie Clark, Harry G. Hayes, and Little Joe Al Point; drew large audiences.

LEBANON—OPERA HOUSE (George Spang, mgr.): Isle of Spice March 28 pleased good house. Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde 4. **RED MILL** 12. The Walker and Walter Vaudeville co. has been engaged independently.—**FAMILY** (Solon L. Wonders, mgr.): Musical Hunch, Lillian Maynard, Smith and Reno, Fern and Swisher, Luckie and Yost, and kinetograph; fair, to good houses.

BROKERSHOPPE—GRAND (E. H. Morris, mgr.): George Vincent co. week of March 28 except 2; very good co.; pleasant. Plays: Drury Lane, The Heart and Sword, Romeo Against Juliet, A Comedy Streetheart and Carmen. Amelita Bingham in The Climbers 4. **HI** Henry's Minstrels 8.

FREEFIELD—GRAND (John J. McMeniman, mgr.): Mrs. Kee May 27-28, to fair houses. Chicago Stock co. 30-4. Plays first half: The Royal Box, The Dairy Farm, The Lion's Heart; co. very good; to capacity. Sapho 2. Majestic and the Maid 3. The Bronco Buster 4.

ROCHESTER—GRAND (George S. Challin, lessee and mgr.): French Maids Burlesques 4.—**MAJESTIC** (T. E. Albaugh, lessee and mgr.): Adrienne Thurston in The Girl Out Yonder 1; large business; good performance. The Honeymooners 2. Charles Grapewin in The Awakening of Mr. Pipp 7.

NEW YORK—VERBEC (G. H. Verbeck, mgr.): Peacock Stock co. March 20; good business; pleased. Our New Minister 1; well received. Peacock Stock co. 2-4. **HI** Henry's Minstrels 2. New York Vaudeville 6-11. **RED MILL** 12. **Baseball Minstrels** (local) 21. Missouri Girl 21.

BIRMINGHAM—THEATRE (Jay North, mgr.): Alma Powell co. in Camille March 28-29 pleased good houses. Under Two Flags 30-1 was satisfactorily produced to fair attendance. Ezra Kendall 2. Alma Powell co. in Camille 3. Under Two Flags 4. Charity Ball 6. Niche 6-8.

CLEARFIELD—OPERA HOUSE (T. E. Clark, mgr.): **HI** Henry's March 30; fair house; Probst's imitation is the feature of the show. The Missouri Girl 1; fair business; John Nicholson as Silas Grubb was well received.

POTTSVILLE—GRAND (C. M. Vanderslice, mgr.): Chauncey-Kieffer co. March 30-4. Plays: The Sweetest Sin, His Worst Enemy, An Old Man's Darling, For Her Father's Sake, The Johnstown Flood, and The Slave Girl; to fair houses.

CARBONDALE—OPERA HOUSE (M. Reis, lessee; G. L. Blair, res. mgr.): Vassell's week of March 30. The Holy City 1; very good audience. **FAMILY** (G. L. Blair, res. mgr.): Jerome and Jerome, Trade and Gladden, Welch Brothers, and Jessie Bobb, Trade and Folk Singers.

WEST CHESTER—GRAND (G. F. Small, owner; Nixon, Cohen and Harris Circuit, lessee): Side Tracked March 25; fair house; ordinary co. The Real Widow Brown 1. Under Southern Skies 2. Martin's U. T. C. 9. Human Hearts 24.

WASHINGTON—THEATRE (Nixon, Cohen and Harris Circuit, lessee; G. D. Miller, mgr.): Billy Kersands' Minstrels March 26; well filled house; pleased. Honeymooners 31; very good, to capacity. My Wife's Family 1.

NEW KENSINGTON—OPERA HOUSE (Dernham and Eichet, mgrs.): The Herald Square Stock co. March 23-28; good co.; did fair business. Vogel's Minstrels 4.—ITEM: Beatrice Earl joined the Herald Square Stock co. here.

BETHLEHEM—GRAND (M. Reis, lessee; E. J. Goodwin, mgr.): Side Tracked March 27; fair co. and business. 18. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde 28; fair co. and business. Monte Carlo Girls 2.

KANE—TEMPLE (H. W. Sweely, mgr.): Royal Kronberg Regiment Band 7. Lyman Howe's moving pictures 11. The Missouri Girl 18. Hadley's moving pictures 9. The Holy City 10.

SUNBURY—CHESTNUT STREET O. P. E. R. A. HOUSE (Fred J. Rynd, lessee and mgr.): The Lost of McGrover March 28, failed to appear. Porter J. White in Faust 4.

BUTLER—MAJESTIC (George K. Burkhardt, mgr.): The Honeymooners 1; fair, to good business. Vogel's Minstrels 2. Charles Grapewin & Amelita Bingham 4.

TYRONE—ACADEMY (G. C. Becking, mgr.): **HI** Henry's Minstrels March 28; best of satisfaction to fair house. The Missouri Girl 30 pleased fair house.

SHARON—GRAND (M. Reis, lessee; G. B. Swart, res. mgr.): Charles K. Chapman Stock March 24 (except 3). Chauncey Crook in O'Neill of Decay 2.

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Pa. 12-18.

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Dayton, Ohio. 11. Pittsburgh 8-12.

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KARROLL, DOT: St. Albans, Vt., 13-18.
KENNEDY PLAYERS: Clifton, N. J., 6-11.
KING DRAMATIC STOCK: Akron, O., 6-11.
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LA TOUR, MARIE (C. A. Toff, mgr.): Wilmington, N. C., 6-11, Danville, Va., 13-18.
LESLIE, ROSABELLE (Burgess and Himmelman, mgrs.): Galveston, Tex., March 30-indefinite.
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MITCHEL STOCK (D. P. Mitchell, mgr.): London, Conn., 6-11, Brockton, Mass., 13-18, Taunton 20-25.
MURRAY COMEDY (J. Rus. Smith, mgr.): Charleston, S. C., April 6-May 2.
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MYKLE-HARDER STOCK (Bert Leigh, mgr.): Scranton, N. H., March 23-31.
MYKLE-HARDER STOCK (W. H. Harder, mgr.): St. John, N. H., March 23-31, Halifax, N. S., 20-May 2.
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NORTH BROTHERS STOCK: Kewanee, Ill., 6-11.
OSMAN STOCK (John Osman, mgr.): Spartanburg, S. C., 6-18, Asheville, N. C., 20-25.
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PATTON SISTERS (C. Stafford Patton, mgr.): Oklahoma City, Okla., March 20-25.
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WHYTE DRAMATIC (No. 1: Chas. P. Whyte, mgr.): San Antonio, Tex., 6-8.
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BLACK PATTI TROUBADOURS (Voelkel and Nolan, mgrs.): Cincinnati, O., 5-11, Louisville, Ky., 13-18, Fort Wayne, Ind., 10, Huntington 20, Waukegan 21, Elkhart 22, Logansport 23, South Bend 24, La Porte 25.
BLUE MOON (Sam S. and Lee Shubert, mgrs.): Baltimore, Md., 6-11, Washington, D. C., 13-18.
BOSTON ENGLISH GRAND OPERA (J. K. Murray, mgr.): Worcester, Mass., 6-11, Springfield 13-18.
BUROOMASTER (Wm. P. Cullen, mgr.): Westminster, R. C., 6-11, Vancouver 9, 10, Victoria 11, Seattle, 12, 13, 15-18, Spokane 19, 20, 22, 23, 25, 27, 29, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 146, 148, 150, 152, 154, 156, 158, 160, 162, 164, 166, 168, 170, 172, 174, 176, 178, 180, 182, 184, 186, 188, 190, 192, 194, 196, 198, 200, 202, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 262, 264, 266, 268, 270, 272, 274, 276, 278, 280, 282, 284, 286, 288, 290, 292, 294, 296, 298, 300, 302, 304, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 338, 340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350, 352, 354, 356, 358, 360, 362, 364, 366, 368, 370, 372, 374, 376, 378, 380, 382, 384, 386, 388, 390, 392, 394, 396, 398, 400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 410, 412, 414, 416, 418, 420, 422, 424, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 438, 440, 442, 444, 446, 448, 450, 452, 454, 456, 458, 460, 462, 464, 466, 468, 470, 472, 474, 476, 478, 480, 482, 484, 486, 488, 490, 492, 494, 496, 498, 500, 502, 504, 506, 508, 510, 512, 514, 516, 518, 520, 522, 524, 526, 528, 530, 532, 534, 536, 538, 540, 542, 544, 546, 548, 550, 552, 554, 556, 558, 560, 562, 564, 566, 568, 570, 572, 574, 576, 578, 580, 582, 584, 586, 588, 590, 592, 594, 596, 598, 600, 602, 604, 606, 608, 610, 612, 614, 616, 618, 620, 622, 624, 626, 628, 630, 632, 634, 636, 638, 640, 642, 644, 646, 648, 650, 652, 654, 656, 658, 660, 662, 664, 666, 668, 670, 672, 674, 676, 678, 680, 682, 684, 686, 688, 690, 692, 694, 696, 698, 700, 702, 704, 706, 708, 710, 712, 714, 716, 718, 720, 722, 724, 726, 728, 730, 732, 734, 736, 738, 740, 742, 744, 746, 748, 750, 752, 754, 756, 758, 760, 762, 764, 766, 768, 770, 772, 774, 776, 778, 780, 782, 784, 786, 788, 790, 792, 794, 796, 798, 800, 802, 804, 806, 808, 810, 812, 814, 816, 818, 820, 822, 824, 826, 828, 830, 832, 834, 836, 838, 840, 842, 844, 846, 848, 850, 852, 854, 856, 858, 860, 862, 864, 866, 868, 870, 872, 874, 876, 878, 880, 882, 884, 886, 888, 890, 892, 894, 896, 898, 900, 902, 904, 906, 908, 910, 912, 914, 916, 918, 920, 922, 924, 926, 928, 930, 932, 934, 936, 938, 940, 942, 944, 946, 948, 950, 952, 954, 956, 958, 960, 962, 964, 966, 968, 970, 972, 974, 976, 978, 980, 982, 984, 986, 988, 990, 992, 994, 996, 998, 1000, 1002, 1004, 1006, 1008, 1010, 1012, 1014, 1016, 1018, 1020, 1022, 1024, 1026, 1028, 1030, 1032, 1034, 1036, 1038, 1040, 1042, 1044, 1046, 1048, 1050, 1052, 1054, 1056, 1058, 1060, 1062, 1064, 1066, 1068, 1070, 1072, 1074, 1076, 1078, 1080, 1082, 1084, 1086, 1088, 1090, 1092, 1094, 1096, 1098, 1100, 1102, 1104, 1106, 1108, 1110, 1112, 1114, 1116, 1118, 1120, 1122, 1124, 1126, 1128, 1130, 1132, 1134, 1136, 1138, 1140, 1142, 1144, 1146, 1148, 1150, 1152, 1154, 1156, 1158, 1160, 1162, 1164, 1166, 1168, 1170, 1172, 1174, 1176, 1178, 1180, 1182, 1184, 1186, 1188, 1190, 1192, 1194, 1196, 1198, 1200, 1202, 1204, 1206, 1208, 1210, 1212, 1214, 1216, 1218, 1220, 1222, 1224, 1226, 1228, 1230, 1232, 1234, 1236, 1238, 1240, 1242, 1244, 1246, 1248, 1250, 1252, 1254, 1256, 1258, 1260, 1262, 1264, 1266, 1268, 1270, 1272, 1274, 1276, 1278, 1280, 1282, 1284, 1286, 1288, 1290, 1292, 1294, 1296, 1298, 1300, 1302, 1304, 1306, 1308, 1310, 1312, 1314, 1316, 1318, 1320, 1322, 1324, 1326, 1328, 1330, 1332, 1334, 1336, 1338, 1340, 1342, 1344, 1346, 1348, 1350, 1352, 1354, 1356, 1358, 1360, 1362, 1364, 1366, 1368, 1370, 1372, 1374, 1376, 1378, 1380, 1382, 1384, 1386, 1388, 1390, 1392, 1394, 1396, 1398, 1400, 1402, 1404, 1406, 1408, 1410, 1412, 1414, 1416, 1418, 1420, 1422, 1424, 1426, 1428, 1430, 1432, 1434, 1436, 1438, 1440, 1442, 1444, 1446, 1448, 1450, 1452, 1454, 1456, 1458, 1460, 1462, 1464, 1466, 1468, 1470, 1472, 1474, 1476, 1478, 1480, 1482, 1484, 1486, 1488, 1490, 1492, 1494, 1496, 1498, 1500, 1502, 1504, 1506, 1508, 1510, 1512, 1514, 1516, 1518, 1520, 1522, 1524, 1526, 1528, 1530, 1532, 1534, 1536, 1538, 1540, 1542, 1544, 1546, 1548, 1550, 1552, 1554, 1556, 1558, 1560, 1562, 1564, 1566, 1568, 1570, 1572, 1574, 1576, 1578, 1580, 1582, 1584, 1586, 1588, 1590, 1592, 1594, 1596, 1598, 1599, 1600, 1601, 1602, 1603, 1604, 1605, 1606, 1607, 1608, 1609, 1610, 1611, 161

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The following new acts were seen in the local theatres last week:

A New Irish Comedian.

Allen Doone, a young Irish singing comedian, made his debut as the headliner at Pastor's, offering a sketch written by himself called "Sweet County Kerry." A special setting is used, showing a thatched cabin and a view of the hills of Kerry. Mr. Doone appears as Larry the Piper, and plays a short tune on the bagpipes as a starter. He is soon joined by his sweetheart, Molly, and the rest of the sketch is devoted to teasing, repartee, jokes and songs of the kind usually found in every well-regulated Irish play. It is all very simple and amusing, and decidedly pleasing, with the exception of a very absurd "encore." An easel holding a sign reading "One Year Later" is shown, with the young man rocking an old-fashioned cradle, in which is an extremely poor specimen of a "prey" baby. This should be omitted, as it spoils the good impression made by the sketch. Mr. Doone has an excellent singing voice, and sang "Sweet Inniscarra" with new words, and another song in which he drinks a toast to Ireland from a tin dipper, supposedly filled with water. Mr. Doone should study action, as he is somewhat stiff in his movements, and the "broth of a boy" character he assumes should be played in a more lively way. His delivery, too, is a trifle monotonous, though he uses a very natural brogue, which, however, lacks the real Kerry inflection. Edna Kelly, who assists him, is fairly good, but her brogue slips away from her with great frequency. Taken as a whole, Mr. Doone's act may be put down as a hit, but the improvements suggested would add greatly to its value.

Comedy Star in Poor Play.

Lawrence D'Orsay, who made his vaudeville debut at the Fifth Avenue Theatre, has no reason to feel grateful to Robert H. Davis, who supplied him with "Footfalls," the "playlet" in which he made his appearance. It is slimy and non-sensical, and is not even mildly amusing. Moreover, Mr. D'Orsay seemed to feel called upon to over-exaggerate for vaudeville purposes, and his pronunciation of some words would make the average Englishman stare in amazement. The scene of the play is laid in a room of a hotel, occupied by the Duke of Darien. An American society woman intrudes during the absence of the Duke, accompanied by the hotel proprietor's wife, and the two women become alarmed by heavy footfalls in the hall. They hide in adjoining rooms, and the Duke enters. He soliloquizes until the society women notice his appearance, whereupon they chat and drink tea until more footfalls disturb them. The hotel man's wife then has her turn, and a maid-servant also has a chance to chat with the Duke. All of the conversations are stopped by footfalls in the hall, and it is from these footfalls that the play gets its name. Mr. D'Orsay played himself, plus the exaggerations mentioned, and was assisted by Tannett Barrington, Charlotte Lambert, and another woman who was not programmed.

An Amusing Farce.

A Diamond Ring, produced at Pastor's, is a broad farce with a few burlesque touches. It was written by Frank Kennedy and revised by Jack Davis, who played an Irishman of the exaggerated type that does not please the sensitive members of the Irish race. The story deals with a middle-aged man who has just been married. His wife thinks he is rich, and he is put to all sorts of expedients to keep her from learning the truth. The Irishman is mistaken for some one else by both husband and wife, and many amusing complications occur. In revising the sketch Mr. Davis helped himself to the lion's share of the comedy, and though the names of O. H. Cushing and Cora Merrill precede his in the billing he is the principal fun-maker. He does some amusing work, and with a less extravagant make-up would be quite as funny as he is now. There is no excuse for the foolish costume used by him at the finish, and it might be changed without any material damage resulting. The Pastor audience seemed to like the act immensely, and with a general tuning up it would fit well into almost any bill.

Good Band Music.

Maurice Levi and his band were among the big features at the Fifth Avenue. Mr. Levi and his assistants have been seen in vaudeville before, but so many months have elapsed that the act is practically new. The organization consists of twenty-four men neatly dressed, who produce some very good music under Mr. Levi's direction. Many of the selections are from the leader's own pen, but he also uses some of the kind that never fail to stir an audience to enthusiasm. The arrangement of Southern airs is especially good. Mr. Levi is a clever leader, but is not a very good eccentric comedian. He has a lot to learn before he can compete as a laugh-getter with Genaro or Creatore.

Clever Baton Juggler.

Elverton, who makes a specialty of juggling batons, was in the Hammerstein bill, making his New York debut. He is extremely quick and clever and does some remarkable feats. He is smartly assisted by Mabel Irvin, an attractive girl, and both show excellent taste in the matter of dress.

SOME BOSTON CHANGES.

H. D. Duper, resident manager at Keith's, Boston, who has been there for years, has resigned on account of ill health, and a few days ago at his house in Dorchester he was presented with a magnificent silver service from Mr. Keith. The retirement of Mr. Duper makes necessary a number of changes. George Clark, for many years superintendent at Keith's, becomes resident manager; Smith A. Mowry, manager of the Orpheum, returns to Keith's as his associate; Henry Austin, manager of the Bijou Dream since its opening, takes Mr. Mowry's place at the Orpheum, and is in turn succeeded by Charles Gladding, long a member of the staff at Keith's.

MRS. DEAVES MARRIED.

Walter F. Deaves, the marionette man, who has been in the Far East for several months, writes that Mission to Manila, under date of Feb. 24, sending the news of the marriage of Ado B. Deaves and William Baker King, that took place at Manila, on Feb. 12. Mr. and Mrs. King will remain in Manila for at least a year. Mr. Deaves states that he and his company will play a few dates in China, and will then proceed to India.

OFF FOR EUROPE.

Eva Williams and Joe Tucker, who are at present at their home near Boston, have arranged to sail for Europe on or about April 21. They will fill a number of engagements in England, and may remain on the other side for several months.

EARL RENINGTON.



Photo Van Allen, New York.

Above is an excellent likeness of the well-known comedian, Earl Renington, of Hines and Renington, as Elizabeth in *The Manicure Girl*. Miss Renington has rewritten the act, which now embraces four distinct character creations, and is in its new form the best vehicle they have ever had for introducing their unique brand of comedy. It is replete with new songs, repartee and智巧, and fully justifies their latest notices from the critics, some of whom pronounce it one of the very best talking acts in vaudeville. They carry a special drop in one, and are prepared to meet all comers as laugh-makers for this and the ensuing season. Reich and Plunkett have charge of their bookings.

HAMMERSTEIN'S VICTORIA.

Houdini Does Some New Tricks—Fred Niblo and Willard Simms Score.

Houdini headed the bill, and showed no signs of the wear and tear of a very strenuous season. In addition to his regular routine he added a remarkable new trick, which consists of escaping from an iron can filled with water. He enters the can clad in a bathing suit, and handcuffed. The can is then padlocked and fastened in other ways, but in a very short time he emerges, wet but smiling, and the audience wonders how the thing is accomplished. The trick created a genuine sensation, and has added greatly to Houdini's reputation. Fred Niblo was one of the big hits of the week with his bubbling spirits and never-failing good humor. His monologue contains hundreds of brilliant points, and every one of them tells. Arthur Dunn and Marie Glaser brought back reminders of the early days of vaudeville with the good old *Messenger Boy* skit. Shouts of hearty laughter punctuated the lines of *Finders' Funnished Flat*, presented by Willard Simms and company. Mr. Simms' actions would bring a smile to the face of a janitor. Eugene Foyers, with his big hats, and Rosie Lloyd, with her songs, had some admirers. Leona Thurber and her Blackbirds sang and cut up generally in a rather pleasing way. The act offered by Elverton is reviewed elsewhere. The speculators were at work last week, but they are getting scarcer as the season wanes.

COLONIAL.

Benjamin Chapin, Harry Von Tilsor, Ed. F. Reynard, and Other Popular People.

Benjamin Chapin's delightful performance in Lincoln, was one of the best features of a bill that would be hard to beat. Mr. Chapin's success was complete, and the curtain had to be raised many times at the close of the little play. Harry Von Tilsor scored a popular success, singing his own songs, including "Summertime," which was picked up, whistled and hummed by everybody after the first chorus had been sung. Ed F. Reynard, with his remarkable collection of mechanical figures, enjoyed great favor. He jokes, and was given many curtain calls as a reward for his cleverness as an entertainer. The Meredith Sisters used three special sets and changed their costumes for every song. They appeared successively in Scotch, Chinese, Egyptian, Spanish and Indian dress, and finished with their "kid" specialty, singing "Smartly" with archness and charm. Emma Francis and her Arabes had the trying position next to the pictures, and made as big a hit as anybody on the bill. Her agility and energy are truly remarkable. Excellent entertainment was also afforded by Ye Colonial Septette, Howard and North in *Those Were the Happy Days*, Al Shean and Charles Warren in *Quo Vadis Upside Down*, the Marno Trio and the vitagraph.

AN ODD ANIMAL.

Al Stinson, who gives imitations of the Brazilian wamba and other imaginary animals, received a letter a few days ago that reads as follows: In being entertained by your clever and life-like imitations of animals and birds, it occurred to me that you were overlooking an imitation which would especially appeal to your admirers—that is, an imitation of the deadly rattle-snake, an animal always found in hilly countries, having two long legs on one side and two short ones on the other, so constructed for running around hills and mountains. The only known way of capturing this wonderful animal is by running around the mountain in the opposite direction, heading it off and compelling it to turn around, thereby causing it to overbalance, roll down the hill, and then capture it at the bottom, killing it with a club."

A JUDICIAL RULING.

On March 28, Judge Dubois of the Supreme Court of Providence, R. I., handed down an opinion that will interest people in every branch of the profession. It was in connection with a suit brought by Joseph Brown against George H. Batcheller, the manager. Brown alleges that he went to the Westminster Theatre, Dec. 31, 1906, and while watching the performance was injured through an accident in which Charles Ahern, the trick bicyclist, ran his wheel off the stage and against the plaintiff. He brought suit for \$3,000. The ruling of the judge is in favor of the plaintiff, who will now have a better chance of winning his suit.

THE KEITH AND PROCTOR THEATRES.

Lawrence D'Orsay, Levi's Band, Gertrude Hoffman, Agnes Scott and Others.

Fifth Avenue.

Lawrence D'Orsay in "Footfalls" and Maurice Levi's Band were the features of the bill. Both acts are reviewed elsewhere. One of the laughing successes of the week was made by Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Drew, in *Billy's Tombstone*, the late Kenneth Lee's best play. It did one good to hear the shouts of laughter that rang through the house after almost every line. George Midgely and Gertrude Carlisle were seen in their perennial success, *After School*, in which Mr. Midgely offers his quaint and original conception of the country boy, who looks very silly, but knows a thing or two. Mr. Midgely has been playing this character for a long time, but is still at the head of his class. Miss Carlisle is the same dainty, clever, graceful girl as ever, and her songs, dances and chatter are extremely pleasing. Lily Lena sang seven or eight songs smartly, and made as many changes of costume. Harry Gilfoil, the mimic and comedian, met with a hearty reception. He has abbreviated his imitations and strengthened the monologue portion of his act, which made a decided hit. Hassan Ben Ali's *Arabs*, Armstrong and Clark and the pictures were the other numbers. Business was excellent throughout the week.

125th Street.

Agnes Scott, who established herself solidly in Harlem while she was a member of the Proctor stock company, drew hundreds of her admirers to this house, where, with the assistance of Horace Wright, she presented *The Wall Between*, her own pretty little sketch, which has all the elements of popularity, and cannot fail to please even a hardened patron of vaudeville. William Courtleigh and company scored, as they always do, in *Peaches*. James J. Morton retired from the bill early in the week on account of a severe attack of hoarseness, and was replaced by Lee Carlile, whose limitations are extremely good, and deserved the applause they received. Elsie Fay struggled bravely against a cold, but her extreme vivacity made up for a temporary lack of voice, and she enjoyed a rousing success. The Brothers Byrne were diverting in their condensed *Eight Bells*, and Mr. Hynam made the spectators' eyes bulge with his sudden changes. Friend and Downing chatted amusingly, and Miss Agost and company opened the bill with some good juggling tricks. The pictures closed as usual.

Fifth-eight Street.

An unusually big programme drew unusually large audiences that enjoyed every minute of the performance. Fred Karno's company in *A Night in the Slums* of London was the topline attraction, and though the act was on late, it won innumerable laughs. The strong dramatic sketch, *The Operator*, as presented by clever Adeline Dunlap and Lester Chambers, held the breathless attention of everybody from start to finish. It is one of the best serious offerings in vaudeville. Dainty little Irene Franklin made many new friends, and assisted by the inimitable Burt Green at the piano, brought down the house with her songs. Clarence Wilbur furnished one of the big numbers with *The New Scholar*, and his antics and the singing of the O'Connor Sisters were thoroughly enjoyed. The marvelous feats of the *Finsleys* under water astonished everybody, and the German sketch, *Der Kappelmeister*, played by Harry Stanley and Sarah L. Coggan, well, scored. The Reif Brothers in their splendid dancing turn and the pictures were also well liked.

PASTOR'S.

Allen Doone, Emerson and Baldwin and McIntyre and McAvoy Entertain.

By all odds the best act on last week's bill was that offered by McIntyre and McAvoy. McIntyre has inherited his talent and makes excellent use of it, and his partner is a good feeder. There are some jokes verging on a blushing tint that should be cut out, but otherwise the turn is a treat. Emerson and Baldwin are clever comedy jinglers, and scored heavily. Quig and Mack furnished a good brand of eccentric comedy. The Imperial Comedy Four wasted a good deal of time with some foolish efforts at comedy when they would be better employed at singing. Their act is called *Breaking Into Vaudeville*, which is a most appropriate title. Montague's Cocktail Circus pleased the children, and Clio and Rosalie, Lewis and Lessington, Jeanne and Ellsworth, the Goyt Trio, Hobson and Macnichol, and the vitagraph made up an average bill. In another column will be found reviews of the new acts offered by Allen Doone and Cushing Merrill and Davis.

ALHAMBRA.

Alice Lloyd, Ida Fuller, and James Thornton Please Harlemites.

Alice Lloyd used her tiny mirror to great advantage looking for the "Lovelight" in the eyes of the youths of Harlem, all of whom seemed anxious to let the charming little singer know that they were her slaves. This novel bit of business, as well as the smart songs in Miss Lloyd's repertoire, helped to make her popularity with the people in the upper part of the city greater than ever. Ida Fuller made her first appearance at this house, presenting her exceedingly effective dance creations with success. The outfit James Thornton orated amusingly on the eccentricities of barbers and hotelkeepers. The McNaughtons exchanged repartees and blows in their funny specialty, and mirth reigned supreme while they held the boards. Captain George Anger was imposing as Jack, the Giant-Killer. James Callahan and Jennie St. George proved a delightful treat in *The Old Neighborhood*. Hal Merritt talked entertainingly while he drew his poster-girl pictures and won plenty of applause. Other numbers were by Welch, Mealy, and Monte, Great Scott, and the vitagraph.

ETHELYN PALMER.



Photo Baker, Columbus, O.

Ethelyn Palmer, whose picture appears above, is co-star with Carlyle Moore, in *The Man's the Thing*, in vaudeville. Her performance has received the unqualified praise of the press throughout the country.

GRACE HAWTHORNE IN VAUDEVILLE.

Grace Hawthorne is presenting a dramatic little scene in the vaudeville theatres. This is her first vaudeville appearance on this side of the Atlantic, and she will be seen on Easter Sunday, April 19, at Theodore Marks' concert at the American Theatre. Miss Hawthorne is a Chicagoan, and starred in the West some years ago, but soon went to Europe under her own management, where in London she achieved many notable triumphs in a series of strong emotional dramas, such as *Theodora*, *Adrienne Lecourteur*, *Camille* and *Sappho* (which she wrote). For two years also Miss Hawthorne played the Empress Josephine in the play, *A Royal Divorce*, in the writing of which she collaborated with the late W. G. Willis, the noted English romantic dramatist. She appeared as *Theodora*—a most arduous, exacting performance—for more than one thousand consecutive nights. The sketch in which she is to appear is called *A Tragedy Ball*. It is an adaptation from the French, by Bernard Sergeant. Miss Hawthorne has engaged for her support David M. Murray, J. W. McConnell, William Hunt, William Brady, Adelaido Cuning, and Little Sinclair.

MICHIGAN MANAGERS ORGANIZE.

On Thursday, March 26, all the vaudeville managers in Michigan held a meeting at Lansing, organizing themselves into a body to be known as the Michigan Vaudeville Managers' Association. E. P. Churchill, of Grand Rapids, was elected President; W. A. Russo, of Saginaw, Vice-President; D. J. Rohan, of Lansing, Treasurer, and W. S. Butterfield, of Battle Creek, Secretary. Their object is for mutual benefit and a betterment of their conditions. The following cities are represented in the association: Bay City, Saginaw, Port Huron, Flint, Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids, Lansing, Ann Arbor, Jackson, Battle Creek, Manistee, Muskegon, and Benton Harbor. Meetings will be held monthly and everything pertaining to the betterment of these theatres will be thoroughly gone over. The towns represented all have first-class ground-floor vaudeville theatres and theatres that have been built within the past three years, and most of them are in charge of experienced managers and men capable of making a continued success of them. They are allied with the Western Vaudeville Managers' Association, which will do the booking for the entire State. C. S. Humphrey, located in the Majestic Theatre Building, Chicago, is the personal representative of the Michigan houses.

A LANDMARK TRANSFERRED.

Officer Manning, who was for many years as familiar to passers by at Union Square as the statue of Washington, has been transferred to the Fifty-eighth Street Theatre, where he continues his pleasant task of spotting undesirable citizens and steering them "safely but firmly away from the box office, while he makes room for the right sort of folks to step up and get their tickets." Mr. Manning is a keen observer, and has a rare fund of stories, gathered in his long experience as a Keith watcher. He is a born diplomat, and can turn down a would-be troublemaker in a way that makes the unwelcome guest feel that he is being greatly favored by being led away from the door by Manning, whose resemblance to Dewey is most striking.

VERY NEAT PROGRAMMES.

The new programmes recently introduced at the four local Keith and Proctor houses are a vast improvement upon the ones formerly used. They are oblong in shape and fit easily into a coat pocket without folding. The publishers have four different cover designs, that will be used alternately, as they have nothing but pictures of pretty girls on them and can be used for any of the theatres without trouble. The inside pages are very attractive and the reading and programme matter on every page is cleverly arranged. The prizes for misspelled words insure the reading of the advertisements, and it is said that the great majority of the patrons take the programmes home with them.

AL. LAWRENCE'S PLANS.

Al Lawrence, who is about to close a very successful season, as leading comedian with Grace Cameron, in *Little Dolly Dimples*, is giving due consideration to his plans for next season. He has a strong inclination to return to vaudeville, and is hesitating between a tempting offer of a fine list of bookings in the United States and a dithering invitation to return to England, where he made a great record a few seasons ago. His present season will end May 2, when he will go to his home, Kent, O., for a three weeks' rest, after which he will play several vaudeville houses.

MEXICANS WERE PLEASED.

The visit of a theatrical company to Parral, Mexico, is an unusual event, and a vaudeville performance given in the town recently created great enthusiasm. The bill included Antonia Cindoncha, Spanish singer and dancer; La Bella Carmela; and Signor Ximenes, dancer; Mr. Johnson, cake walking vocalists; Mamie and James, dancers; and motion pictures. The company played for three nights and two matinees, and drew good business.

CRIPPLES SEE BABY ELEPHANT.

The bedridden cripples in two New York hospitals were given a rare treat one morning last week, when Abe, the new baby elephant, was taken in an automobile and shown to the tots who will be unable to enjoy the usual treat given by the Barnum and Bailey management at the Garden. "Weeny Wee," the midget, went along also, as did several of the funniest clowns, and they were well repaid by the shouts of glee that came from the tots as they went through their antics. Last night was Shriners' Night, and the Garden was filled with men wearing red fezes accompanied by their women friends. The circus has been doing a capacity business, and it is estimated that when the New York season ends on April 18 that fully 500,000 people will have seen it.

EDEN MUSEE DINNER.

The directors and employees of the Eden Musee enjoyed a banquet on March 30 in the Winter Garden, after the close of the performance. The affair was a celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the opening of the Musee, and was most enjoyable. With one or two exceptions the staff of the Musee is the same as it was when the house was opened. Those present at the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Holloman, R. J. Horner, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Vieweg, Mr. and Mrs. Randall, Mr. and Mrs. Pagenstecher, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall P. Wilder, Mr. Fury, D. Lowenkin, Mr. de Gerlair, E. J. Crane, George Hastings, Mr. D'Onoch, F. V. Strauss, Mr. Estabrook, Ralph Trier, Alderman Harnishfeger and Alderman Dowell.

GRACIE EMMETT RECOVERS.

Gracie Emmett, who had been in a hospital at Somerville, Mass., for several weeks, left the institution on Monday, March 20, entirely cured. She will not act again this season, but will rest and recuperate until Sept. 6, when she is booked to open on the Orpheum Circuit. Miss Emmett wishes to thank through The Masons Percy G. Williams and her many sister and brother artists who by their cheering letters helped to relieve the tedium of her convalescence.

MONTREAL MATTER SETTLED.

The Columbia Amusement Company has secured a ten years' lease of the new Princess Theatre in Montreal, and will have a double interest in the house, as they have purchased a big block of stock in the Canadian Theatre Company, which is building the house. William Morris is reported to have offered \$25,000 a year for the theatre, but the previous contract with the Columbia people prevented the consideration of this extremely liberal offer.

HART GOING TO LONDON.

Early in May Joseph Hart and his wife, Carrie De Mar, will sail for London. Miss De Mar is to fill an engagement at the Palace, and Mr. Hart will busy himself with the production of The Futurity Winner, which will go on at the Coliseum on May 25. When that sketch is safely launched Mr. Hart will devote himself to training people in his other acts—the Rain Dancers, Crickets, Dancing Daisies, and others that have made hits in America.

THE NEW CIRCLE PRODUCTION.

The Merry-Go-Round is the title of the new production to be put on at the Circle shortly. The cast includes James J. Morton, who replaces George Evans; Mabel Hite, McKay and Cantwell, Mabel Russell, Dolly Jardon, McEvily Stewart, Ignacio Martineti, Max Freeman and John Keeler. Philadelphians will see the new place at the Lyric Theatre April 18.

NEW TURNS AT HIPPODROME.

The circus bill at the Hippodrome was changed last week and several acts new to the house were presented. They included the Obake Troupe of Japanese Equilibrists, Kitty Tracy and her pony and dogs, and the Horse Family. The seven Grunathos, the Bedinis and the Hagenbeck elephants continued to please. A new sensational act called Zula, the Flying Bullet, was shown last night for the first time. It will be fully described in next week's Mirror.

CIRCUS FOR CONEY ISLAND.

Arrangements were completed last week for the opening of the big circus enterprise on the Desmond Dunne property at Surf Avenue and West Twentieth Street, Coney Island. The tent will cover a city block and will accommodate 5,500 people. A three-ring circus and hippodrome will be the attraction. The season will open May 30.

NEW TRIAL SCHEME.

People with new acts and novelties of all kinds who have hitherto suffered from the handicaps of morning performances given to a select few at the Union Square Theatre, will herself be given their opportunities at Miner's Eighth Avenue Theatre on Wednesday afternoons, through an arrangement with the United Booking Offices.

THIS WEEK'S ATTRACTIONS.

PASTOR'S.—Charles R. LeMire and daughter, Conroy, Le Mire and company. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lewis, Sherman's dogs, A. K. Caldera, the Mosarts, Nat. S. Jerome and company, J. W. Sherry, Leonora, Sophie Taylor, Mile. Zora.

KEITH AND PROCTOR'S FIFTH AVENUE.—Jesse Lasky's pianophones, Ross Coghlan and company, Carlyle Moore and company, Karno Troupe, Burr McIntosh, Trixie Frigana, Elinore Sisters, Six Noses, Charlene and Charlene.

KEITH AND PROCTOR'S FIFTY-EIGHTH STREET.—Maurice Levy's Band, McMahon and Chapman's Pullman Porter Maids, Albert Whelan, Mandie Lambert, Pekin Zouaves, Willard Slumus and company, Patrice and company, Friend and Downing.

KEITH AND PROCTOR'S 125TH STREET.—Houdini, Harry Von Tiller, Jessie Millward and company, High Life in Jail, Lily Lena, Joseph Hart's Electric Crickets, Hill and Silviano, Wynn and Lewis.

COLONIAL.—Joe Welch and company, Jack Terry and Mabel Lambert, James Thornton, Gennaro's Band, Belle Blanche, Rose De Haven Sextette, Edward Blondell and company, Howard and Howard, the Kratons.

ALHAMBRA.—Alice Lloyd, Louis Simon and Grace Gardner, O'Brien-Havel, and Eddie Lawrence, Mayme Remington and her "picks," Big City Four, Farrell-Taylor Trio, Casting Doubt, the McNaughtons, Those Four Girls.

HAMMERSTEIN'S VICTORIA.—William Rock and Maude Fulton, Minnie Solliman and William Bramwell, Junie McCree and company, Jack Norworth, Shearn and Warren, Eddie Lloyd, John Birch, the Brittons.

The Burlesque Shows.

POWER.—The Nightingales warbled sweetly and the listeners were numerous and well pleased. Americans Abroad is the title of the opening burlesque, with Tony Kennedy in the leading role. The excellent girls embraced McDevitt and Kelly, Kennedy, Evans and Kennedy, Howard and Lewis, and the Vedders. The entertainment closes with Out for a Lark, in which the entire company appears. This week, Ken tucky Belles.

GOTHAM.—The Colonial Belles gave a merry performance that charmed crowded houses. This week, Strolling Players.

LONDON.—The California Girls met many New York admirers and scored a hit. This week, Hollieckers.

MURRAY HILL.—Sam Scribner's Big Show played a return engagement with satisfactory results. This week, Greater New York Stars.

MAYER'S BOWERS.—The Moonlight Maids appeared in the afternoons as well as the evenings. This week, Merrymakers.

MAYER'S EIGHTH AVENUE.—Miss New York, Jr., was given a very hearty welcome. This week, Parisian Belles.

HURIO AND SEASIDE'S.—The Casino Girls were applauded by fairly large audiences. This week, Knickerbockers.

VAUDEVILLE JOTTINGS.

Procy S. Williams will sing for George May 7 in "The America," to look for the acts for next season. Billy E. Van will make his appearance in vaudeville at the Colonial, on April 26, in a condensed version of Patay in Politics.

Zelle De Lassau will make her local vaudeville debut on April 28, at the Colonial.

Adeline Genee will make her only vaudeville appearance on Sunday 12, at the New York Theatre, where T. D. Marks will have his annual benefit.

On April 13, Adele Hitchcock will reappear after a six weeks' rest, at Hammerstein's Victoria.

Hope Booth has bought a large plot of ground at Floral Park, L. I., for \$7,200, and will soon begin to build a residence.

Billie Reeves, who is the cleverest of the Karno comedians, has signed with F. Siegfried, Jr., for a part in Folies of 1908, to be presented at the New York Roof Garden.

Frank McEvily has secured another white horse to take the place of "Morsus," which dropped dead the other day, just as he had been perfectly trained to take part in a new act at the Hippodrome. It will be given in several weeks before the new animal can be used in the turn.

The Song Birds have booked for a run at the Princess Theatre, San Francisco. William Burress will play his original part and stage the piece.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Haines will be given shortly in a comedy called Buchanan of the Times, written by Mrs. Haines.

Houdini was victorious in another challenge test on April 10, at the Victoria, when he succeeded in escaping after eighteen minutes, from a packing box, supplied by the employees of a cigar factory, that was made of boards with cords run through them, bound with steel tapes, and sealed.

Arthur Lane, who for several years past has represented the Jones-O'Brien Amusement Co. at Sheboygan, Wis., has been engaged by W. S. Butterfield to take the management of the Bijou Theatre, Battle Creek, Mich. Ground will be broken in a few weeks for the building of the new Bijou in Battle Creek, to cost about \$200,000. It will be located on Main Street, and be one of the most pretentious houses in the West.

Anna Clayton's new act, His Local Color, was very successful, when it was presented recently at Utica, N. Y.

While playing at the Crystal Theatre, at Bradford, Pa., on March 23, Mr. and Mrs. Sage Dean (Lillian Hale) rendered a number in honor of Lillian's birthday (March 25). Miss Lassau received many handsome gifts, including a handsome jeweled belt pin from Lillian Hale and Sage Dean. Among those present were Miss Lauren, Mr. U. G. Green, of the U. S. Navy, Col. G. Metzger, David Sherman, Harry Rosenblum, Mr. and Mrs. G. Veresky, Sr., George Veresky, Jr., Clemmons, J. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Zoraya, J. Cogan, and Jack Bancroft, Mr. and Mrs. J. Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Sage Dean (Lillian Hale).

Lillian Hale and co. jumped from Bradford, Pa., to Davenport, Iowa, March 20 and in now playing three weeks for Western Vaudeville. On her way to Winnipeg, where she opens 27 at Bijou Theatre (Julian-Connolly Circuit).

Eva Kendall will return to vaudeville early in May.

P. J. Casey, having straightened out most of the tangles resulting from "advanced" vaudeville, will shortly embark in the agency business.

"Dix" Waddell has started in as press agent for the Bell-Photo Shows, and is already interesting the people of many Western towns in the plans for the coming season.

Lola Fuller is preparing an autobiography that will be published simultaneously in English, French and German.

The D'Arville Sisters, Jeannette and Irene, the French Flying Girls, now make three complete, change, with new costumes. They are touring through Michigan with success.

R. G. Hines, at present in the Soul Kiss, will open at the Fifth Avenue in a sketch on June 6, and will play in vaudeville until The Soul Kiss resumes its October.

J. K. Hutchinson and Rosella Rainbridge, two legitimate actors who have really "made good" in vaudeville, and are now considered one of the standard acts, have probably tried more new acts than any other team in vaudeville, but generally after a short experience with the new material, go back to their old tried winner. Out All Night, by Edmund May. The act is said to be high class, clean, pretty and effective. John H. Dunn and company, who played it, are unusually good singers.

Two of the big elephants at the Hippodrome have been taught to walk to the music of The Merry Widow.

Willie Mack and co. are booked until Aug. 1 on the Orpheum Circuit.

The Nell Litchfield Trio (Nell, Stella and Abbie) are devoting their vacation for ten weeks to playing club and local dates in New York and vicinity, after which they will play their annual tour of summer parks. Their past two seasons have been devoted to the lyceum and lecture tour, and they report returning much later than they ever had during their twenty-five years' experience in the dramatic and vaudeville business. Their next season is all arranged, and has been sold on guarantees at still better figures.

Over 2,000 members of Mecca Temple, Mystic Shrine, dined at Madison Square Garden one evening last week, surrounded by the cages containing wild animals.

An act to amend the Penal Code was introduced in the Assembly on March 28 by Mr. Conklin, of New York, providing for the exclusion of children actually or apparently under sixteen years of age, unaccompanied by the parent or guardian, from any place regularly used for the display or exhibition of any kind of exhibition, novelties, panoramas, exhibition of moving pictures, or any device for the reproduction of vocal or instrumental music, or for the reproduction of any other performance. The bill was favorably reported on April 2.

"Harrigan" is the name of a chimpanzee that is being trained to act as usher at Hammerstein's Roof-Garden next Summer.

John L. Lady's new act, The Love Waltz, which requires a company of twenty-four people, will be produced at the Fifth Avenue Theatre, April 26. In the cast are Andrew Maple, Henry A. Trust, Dennis McGrath, Celia Vinton, Almon G. Miller, and Florence Lester. The band is by Guy Bostwick and Jessie Lester, and the score by Charles Berlin, who will direct the orchestra.

Julian Eltinge was the principal entertainer at the Ladies' Day of the New York Athletic Club on Saturday, April 4, and his turn was received with great enthusiasm. As a society entertainer Eltinge is very much in demand.

Lida Leigh and her company played a highly successful engagement week of March 20 in Butte, Mont., and will still dates covering several months in the West before returning to New York. Miss Leigh's sketch, Miss Goo Goo Girl, has made a strong impression upon the patrons of vaudeville in the West, and she has been royally treated everywhere.

The patrons of the Nickel Theatre in Clinton Street were really frightened on Sunday evening by a fire that destroyed an adjoining building. The people escaped from the theatre without injury.

The Crystal Theatre in Tuxedo has been remodeled and was opened last week with a stock comedy company, presenting The Dutch Detective. The bill was changed on Thursday, when The Man, the Girl and the Money was put on. Several vaudeville acts will be used each week.

Willie Triss and Willow will play a few dates for George G. Williams at the end of their season in Madison Land.

The Supreme Court has decided in favor of Weber and Roth in the suit brought against them by W. W. Driskill, who sued for an accounting and recovery in connection with some theatres in which Mr. Driskill claimed he should have had an interest.

Vanderbilt will be the attraction at the Fourteenth Street Theatre beginning April 26. The Fays will head the bill and will come as a steady attraction, with a weekly change of the other acts.

Klein, Orr, Brothers and Nicholas will present the same name. Edward Orr having replaced his brother, W. C. Orr, who died a few days ago.

Helene Triss has been booked for several weeks in England by Harry Leonhard.

Gathlin, the high diver, who has been startling the people of Europe for several seasons, met his death while giving a performance in Berlin on March 20. His act consisted of a dive from a tower to an incline, upon which he slid to the ground.

Marie Lloyd is singing "I'm Afraid to Come Home in the Dark," in England.

Hereafter the Home, Mayo and Juliet Burlesque Minstrel Show will be known as the Home, Mayo and Juliet Travesty Minstrel. The membership will remain the same as before. They expect to arrive in New York April 21.

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Performers are requested to send their data well in advance. Sheets will be furnished on application. The names of performers with considerations are not published on this list.

Ahd-Ardo-Proctor's, Albany, N. Y., 6-11. She's Buffalo, N. Y., 18-19.
Abbott, Annie-K. and P. 125th St., N. Y., 18-19.
Abbott and Andrew—Orph., Portsmouth, O., 6-11.
Family, Boston, W. Va., 18-19.
Adams, Musical—Cleveland, Cleveland, O., 6-11.
Adams and White—Family, Lebanon, Pa., 6-11.
Addison and Livingston—Star, Laurel, Mich., 6-11.
Agent, Miss—Keith's, Prov., 6-11.
Ahern and La Brani—New Maryland, Cumberland, Md., 6-11.
Albertine and Miller—Empire, Burleigh, Eng., 6-11.
Gailey, Birmingham, Eng., 18-19. Empire, York, Eng., 18-19.
Alma, Grand—Stockton, Eng., 27-May 2.
Alma, Sweet and Violin—Keith's, Phila., Pa., 6-11.
Keith's, Boston, 18-19.
Alice and Louis—Keith's, Prov., 6-11.
American Sisters—Columbia, St. Louis, 6-11.
American Trimmers—Proctor's, Newark, N. J., 6-11.
Anita—Grauman's, Reading, Pa., 6-11. Maj. Johnstown, Pa., 22-May 1.
Anderson and Geline—Poll's, Bridgeport, Conn., 6-11.
Artiste's Animals—Keith's, Columbus, O., 6-11.
Arlington Four—Chase's, Wash., 6-11.
Armstrong and Levering—National, San Francisco, 6-11.
Ashion and Martinez—Grand Varieté, Havana, Cuba, 22-May 1.
Anger, Capt. Gen.—Keith's, Portland, Me., 6-11.
Austin, Tooting—Hippo, Liverpool, Eng., 6-11. Grand, Hanley, Eng., 18-19. Pavilion, Liverpool, Eng., 22-May 2. Hippodrome, Preston, Eng., 27-May 2. Hippodrome, Lancaster, Eng., 4-6.
Avery and Carl—Donora, Pa., 6-11.
Avioli, Minnie—Hammerstein's, N. Y., 6-11.
Aven Gaudie Four—Shea's, Toronto, Can., 6-11.
Babb, Bebe—Family, Chester, Pa., 6-11.
Baldwin and Sheas—Biloxi, Parkersburg, W. Va., 6-11.
Orph., Ashland, O., 18-19.
Bank-Breasheas Duo—Orph., New Orleans, La., 6-11.
Bank and Newton—Poll's, Scranton, Pa., 6-11.
Baptiste and Francois—Colonial, Richmond, Va., 6-11.
Barney, Stuart—Chase's, Wash., 6-11.
Bernold's Animals—Temple, Detroit, Mich., 6-11.
Barrows and Lancaster—Proctor's, Newark, N. J., 6-11.
Barry, Katie—Shea's, Buffalo, N. Y., 6-11.
Barry, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy—Keith's, Phila., 6-11.
Colonial, N. Y., 18-19.
Barry and Halvers—Orph., Memphis, Tenn., 6-11.
Orph., Sioux City, Ia., 18-19.
Barry and Wolford—Poll's, Hartford, Conn., 6-11.
Bassie Quartette—Keith's, Cleveland, 6-11.
Bateson, Tom—Keith's, Pawtucket, R. I., 6-11.
Parrotty Four—Austin and Stone's, Boston, 6-11.
Becker and May—Broadway, Blyva, N. Y., 6-11.
Bells and Bells—Palace, Grimsby, Eng., April 20-21.
Bellclair Brothers—Proctor's, Albany, N. Y., 6-11.
Ben Ali Arabe—Orph., Boston, 6-11.
Benton, Emma—Broadway, Camden, N. J., 6-11.
BERGERE, V. VALERIE—Shea's, Toronto, Can., 6-11. Grand, Syracuse, N. Y., 18-19.
Bernier and Stella—Orph., Omaha, Neb., 6-11.
Bernie's Circus—Keith's, Phila., 6-11.
Big City Four—Alabama, N. Y., 6-11.
Birch, John—Hammerstein's, N. Y., 6-11.
Black and Jones—Bennett's, Ottawa, Ont., 6-11.
Blanche, Belle—Colonial, N. Y., 6-11.
Blonding, Mr. and Mrs.—Family, Roseman, Mont., 6-11.
Blood, Adela—Poll's, Hartford, Conn., 6-11. Poll's, New Haven, Conn., 18-19.
Blonde Troubadours—Broadway, Camden, N. J., 6-11.
Bob and Tip—Grand, Syracuse, N. Y., 6-11.
Bouldin and Quinn—Sonic Temple, Charles, Mass., 6-11. Whitney O. H., Fitchburg, Mass., 6-11.
Bowen Brothers—Orph., Lawrence, Kan., 6-11.
Bowen, Walters and Crooks—Colonial, Lawrence, Mass., 6-11. Proctor's, Albany, N. Y., 18-19.
Brown, Herbert, and Helen—Bowing—Varieties, Terre Haute, Ind., 6-11. Gailey, Gainsburg, Ill., 18-19.
Brindamour—Novelty, Blyva, N. Y., 6-11.
Brittania, The—Hammerstein's, N. Y., 6-11.
Brooks and Jeanette—Grand, Portland, Ore., 6-11.
Brooks and Price—Verdeek, Gif City, Pa., 6-11.
Brooks and Vedder—Biloxi, Winnipeg, Man., 6-11. Biltmore, Minn., 18-19.
Brown Bros.—Globe, San Francisco, 6-11.
Brown, Gil—Haymarket, Chgo., 6-11.
Brown, Harry—Poll's, Bridgeport, Conn., 6-11.
Buckeye Trio—Maj., Dallas, Tex., 6-11.
Buckley and De Long—Orph., Edmonton, Alberta, Can.—Indefinite.
Buckley and La Mar—Howard, Boston, 6-11.
Burke, Mr. and Mrs.—Star, Hamblin, Mo., 6-11. Lorraine, Alton, Ill., 18-19.
Burke, Dan—Columbia, Cinci., 6-11.
Burke, John and Mac—Orph., Boston, Pa., 6-11.
Burke and Gear—Sonic Temple, Prov., 6-11.
Burke and Teasey—Poll's, Springfield, Mass., 6-11.
Burkhardt, G.—Garrick, Wilmington, Del., 6-11.
Burnell, Edwin—Electric, Tampa, Fla., March 20-21.
Burnham-White—Mary Anderson, Louisville, Ky., 6-11.
Burton and De Allie—9th and Arch, Phila., 6-11.
Burton and Van—Maj., Houston, Tex., 6-11.
Burch, Jr., Johnny—Biloxi, Saginaw, Mich., 6-11.
Bustaire—Family, Pittsburgh, 6-11.
Byron and Gandy—Cook's, Rochester, 6-11. Shubert, Utica, N. Y., 18-19.
Calcedo—Hippodrome, Cleveland, 6-11.
Cameron and Finnegan—Auditorium, Lynn, Mass., 6-11. Hathaway's, Lowell, Mass., 18-19.
Campbell and Brady—Keeney's, Blyva, N. Y., 6-11.
Carney Brothers—Orph., New Orleans, La., 6-11.
Carietta—Orph., Sioux City, Ia., 6-11.
Carmen Trio—Shea's, Buffalo, 6-11.
Caron and Parment—Orph., Kansas City, Mo., 6-11.
Carroll and Baker—Hathaway's, Lowell, Mass., 6-11.
Carter, Clark H. and Gusie Taylor—H. and F. Jersey City, N. J., 6-11. Keeney's, New Brittain, Conn., 18-19.
Cassell's Dogs—Columbia, St. Louis, 6-11. Olympic, Chgo., 18-19.
Chamber, Lyster—Poll's, Bridgeport, Conn., 6-11.
Keith's, Prov., 18-19.
Chapin, Benjamin—Orph., Brooklyn, N. Y., 6-11. Alhambra, N. Y., 18-19.
Chapman Sisters and Peck—Haymarket, Chgo., 6-11.
Charles, Heinz—Hippo, Wolverhampton, Eng., 6-11.
Palace, Reading, Eng., 18-19. Hippodrome, Southampton, Eng., 27-May 2.
Charles and Charles—K. and P. 5th Ave., N. Y., 6-11.
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Chippewa, Paul—Tivoli, London, Eng., Feb. 24-April 18. Empire, Hackney, London, Eng., 20-28. Empire, Holloway, London, Eng., 27-May 2.
Clarke and Turner—Amen, Bradford, Pa., 6-11.
Clemson's Animals—Shea's, Buffalo, 6-11.
City, Leslie—Keith's, Prov., 18-19.
Clifford and Burke—Keith's, Prov., 6-11.
Clive, Henry—Grand, Pittsburgh, 6-11.
Civco and Rochelle—Howard, Boston, 6-11.
Coby and Garros—Novelty, Vallejo, Cal., 6-11. Nor' City, Stockton, Cal., 18-19.
Cogan and Bancroft—Orph., Memphis, Tenn., 6-11.
Orph., New Orleans, La., 18-19.
Coughlin, Rose—K. and P. 5th Ave., N. Y., 6-11.
Cohn's Dogs—Orph., Boston, 6-11.
Colby, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin—Orph., Salt Lake City, U., 6-11.
Cole and Coleman—G. O. H., Grand Rapids, Mich., 6-11.
Collins and Brown—Maj., Ft. Worth, Tex., 6-11. Mid-Dallas, Tex., 18-19.
Columbus, Five—Biloxi, Battle Creek, Mich., 6-11.
Biloxi, Jackson, Mich., 18-19.
Conchita, Paul—Bennett's, Hamilton, Ont., 6-11.
Corklin, Bill—Star, Charleroi, Pa., 6-11. Star, Wilkinsburg, Pa., 18-19.
Conley, Anna and Bill—Maryland, Blyva, 6-11.
Keith's, Prov., 18-19.
Conley, Jack—Sonic Temple, Prov., 6-11.
Connelly, E. J.—American, St. Louis, 6-11. Orph., Memphis, Tenn., 18-19.
Conn Downey and Willard—Maj., Houston, Tex., 6-11.
Conn and Gould—Palace, London, Eng., 28-April 11.
Palace, Harrington, Eng., 18-19. Zoo, Glasgow, Scot., 26-May. Palace, Burleigh, Eng., 27-May 2.
Conroy and Le Maine—Pastor's, N. Y., 6-11.
Cook and Gandy—Orph., Chgo., 6-11.
Cook and Rothen—Maj., Chgo., 6-11. Olympic, Chgo., 18-19.
Cooper, Leo—Star, Seattle, Wash., 6-11.
Coram—Columbia, St. Louis, 6-11. Olympic, Chgo., 18-19.
Cotton, Lola—Poll's, Worcester, Mass., 6-11.
Courtleigh, Wm.—Keith's, Prov., 6-11.
Courtney and Dunn—Keith's, Phila., 6-11.
Courtoult, Jessie—Maj., Houston, Tex., 6-11.
Cowboy Quartette—Grand, Indianapolis, Ind., 6-11.
Craig, Elvyn W.—Acme, Sacramento, Cal., 6-11.
Cramer and Young—Sonic, Hartford, Conn., 6-11.
Crane, Mr. and Mrs. Gardner—Hathaway's, Lowell, Mass., 6-11. Trent, Trenton, N. J., 18-19.
Craven, Wm.—Trent, Trenton, N. J., 6-11.
Crawford and Allen—Maj., Fargo, N. D., 6-11.
CRESSY, WILL, AND BLANCHE DAYNE—Columbia, St. Louis, 6-11. Olympic, Chgo., 18-19.
Crickets—K. and P. 125th St., N. Y., 6-11.
Crolling, Richard—Novelty, Blyva, N. Y., 6-11.
Cullen, James J.—Keith's, Cleveland, 6-11.
Cummings and Thornton—Grand, Hamilton, O., 6-11. Hippodrome, Lexington, Ky., 18-19.
Cutty, Musical—Empire, London, Eng., March 25-May 2.
Dealty, Four—Trent, Trenton, N. J., 6-11.
Dale, Dottie—Crescent, Asheville, N. C., 6-11.
Dale, Violet—Haymarket, Chgo., 18-19.
Dalton, Fanny—9th and Arch, Phila., 6-11.
D'Alvino Co.—Austin and Stone's, Boston, 6-11.
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Y., 6-11, Shea's, Buffalo, 13-18, Rice, Fanny—Grand, Pittsburgh, 6-11, Keith's, Cleveland, 13-18, Rice, John C. and Sallie Cohen—Orph., Kansas City, 6-11, Orph., St. Paul, Minn., 13-18, Rice and Prevost—Keith's, Columbus, O., 6-11, Grand, Syracuse, N. Y., 13-18, Rich Duo—Erica, Parsons, Kan., 6-11, Richards, Chris—Proctor's, Newark, N. J., 6-11, Empire, Paterson, N. J., 13-18, Richards, The—Maryland, Cumberland, Md., 6-11, Ritter, Max and Grace Foster—Pavilion, Newcastle, Eng., 6-11, Hippodrome, Brighton, Eng., 13-18, Putney, Hippodrome, London, Eng., 20-25, Shoreditch Hippodrome, London, Eng., 27-May 2, Roathine and Stevens—Temple, Ft. Wayne, Ind., 6-11, Lyric, Dayton, O., 13-18, Robertson and Panchette—Keith's, Boston, 6-11, Roberts, Four—Bijou, Lansing, Mich., 6-11, Bijou, Muskegon, Mich., 13-18, Roberts, Hayes and Roberts—Olympic, Chgo., 6-11, Robert's Circus—Grand, Pittsburgh, 6-11, Robisch and Childress—Bijou, Wheeling, W. Va., 6-11, National, Steubenville, O., 13-18, Rock, Wm. and Maude Fulton—Hammerstein's, N. Y., 6-18, Rogers, Mr. and Mrs.—Wasson's, Joplin, Mo., 6-11, Rolfe's, In Old Seville—K. and P. 8th Ave., N. Y., 6-11, K. and P. 8th St., N. Y., 13-18, Rolfe's, Paradise Alley—Shubert's, Utica, N. Y., 6-11, Ye Colonial Septette—Orph., Elkhorn, N. Y., 6-11, Alhambra, N. Y., 13-18, Rose, Mayo and Juliet—Maj., Montgomery, Alabama, 13-18, Ronca, Dora—Poli's, Springfield, Mass., 6-11, Ross' Musical Horse—Bennett's, Ottawa, Ont., 6-11, Ross, Walter—Hippodrome, Lexington, Ky., 6-11, Royal Musical Five—Shea's, Toronto, Can., 6-11, Russell and Davis—Idle Hour, Atlantic, Can.—Indefinite, Russell, Ethel—Grand, San Jose, O., 6-11, Ryan, Thomas J. and MARY RICHFIELD—Poli's, Waterbury, Conn., 6-11, K. and P. 12th St., N. Y., 13-18, Ryan and White—Bennett's, Montreal, Can., 6-11, Rue, G. W.—Orph., Marietta, O., 6-11, St. Clair, Leo—Crystal, Braddock, Pa., 6-11, Salerno—Orph., Kansas City, Mo., 6-11, Salino, June—Keith's, Boston, 6-11, Keith's, Portland, Me., 13-18, Salter, The—Keith's, Columbus, O., 6-11, Salvetti—Maj., Chgo., 6-11, Santero and Mariano—Rialto, Lorain, O., 6-11, Maj., Worcester, O., 13-18, Santeri—Howard, Boston, 6-11, Sato, O. K.—Appello, Berlin, Germany, March 1-April 20, Savona, Elliot—Empire, Shepherd's Bush, London, Eng., 6-11, Albert Hall, Southport, Eng., 13-18, Gentry, Birmingham, Eng., 20-25, Empire, Portsmouth, Eng., 27-May 2, Schade, Four—West Side, Jamestown, Wis., 6-11, Crystal, Milwaukee, Wis., 13-18, Schubert, Florence—Empire, Holloway, London, Eng., 6-11, Empire, New Cross, London, Eng., 23-28, Empire, Shepherd's Bush, Eng., 27-May 2, Scott, Carrie M.—Orph., Cambridge, O., 6-8, Bijou, Parkersburg, W. Va., 9-11, Scott, Everett and Girls—Orph., Boston, 6-11, Scott, G. A.—Family, Mahanoy, Pa., 30-April 11, Sefton, Harry—Broadway, Middletown, O., 6-11, Seymour, O. G.—Gaiety, Calisburg, Ill., 6-11, Seymour and Everett—Keith's, Prov., 6-11, Shannons, Four—Shea's, Kokomo, Ind., 6-11, Shedd's Circus—Pastor's, N. Y., 13-18, Shembrook and Berry—Broadway, Camden, N. J., 6-11, Maryland, Balt., 13-18, Shepard and Ward—Family, Pittsburgh, 6-11, Sherry, J. W.—Pastor's, N. Y., 6-11, Shields and Rogers—Orph., Minneapolis, Minn., 6-11, Shirode, Charles and Alice—Grand, Syracuse, N. Y., 6-11, Temple, Detroit, Mich., 13-18, Shiflett, Carl J.—Olympic, Chgo., 6-11, Shinn, Willard—K. and P. 8th St., N. Y., 6-11, Simon and Gardner—Alhambra, N. Y., 6-11, Sisters, Marcia—Orph., San Francisco, 30-April 11, Six American Dancers—Keith's, Cleveland, 6-11, Grand, Pittsburgh, 13-18, Sister and Williams—Keith's, Columbus, O., 6-11, Sister and Williams—Keith's, Columbus, O., 6-11, Sieds, The—Shea's, Toronto, Can., 6-11, Smith and Campbell—Maj., Chgo., 6-11, Snyder, Phil—Keith's, Boston, 6-11, Snyder, Phil—Broadway, Camden, N. J., 6-11, Staley's Transformation—Grand, Syracuse, 6-11, Stavoldale Quintette—Keith's, Phila., 6-11, Study and Edwards—Mary Anderson, Louisville, Ky., 13-18, Steger, Julius—Orph., Omaha, Neb., 6-11, Orpheum, Kansas City, 13-18, Stephen, Kitty—Haymarket, Chgo., 6-11, Stewart Sisters—Shea's, Buffalo, N. 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